

## Weather

Local—Partly cloudy Tuesday.  
Eastern New York—Mostly cloudy with showers in North portion tonight and in central and North portions Tuesday.

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## Senators Applaud China Aid Appeal

Neutrality Hearing Told U. S. Industrialists Are Partners of Tokio

By Adam Lapin

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The House Foreign Relations Committee broke its dusty traditions of decorum and dignity today to applaud the appeal of a plain-spoken American woman to "stop helping" the Japanese invasion of China.

In pungent, hard-hitting phrases, Mrs. George Fitch, wife of an American Y.M.C.A. secretary in China, told the committee how the United States has been "Japan's largest partner, furnishing 54.4 per cent of all the raw materials and finished products which Japan needs to carry on her aggression."

Drawing on her own experiences in China where she lived for 20 years as well as on letters from her husband, Mrs. Fitch described vividly the bombing of Chinese colleges, hospitals, libraries and homes by Japanese planes—producing 100 per cent by American gas.

### ASKS ACTION

Then she called on Congress to act and to act promptly to cut off "the most vulnerable arm" of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis and the "one we have done the most to strengthen." Mrs. Fitch brought with her petitions to this effect from 30,000 citizens of California, which is now her home.

When she finished her statement, the committee members gathered around the long, green-covered table in their old-fashioned meeting room broke into spontaneous applause.

Chairman Sol Bloom thanked her for her "excellent" statement and Rep. Charles A. Eaton of New Jersey, Republican member of the committee, commended her "statesmanlike" presentation.

Today's demonstration was a significant index of the sentiment which exists in the House Foreign Relations Committee on the whole issue of neutrality.

### WANT STRONG STAND

Ever since the hearings on the pending amendments to the neutrality act got under way, there has been a strong movement among members of the committee, including Republicans as well as Democrats, toward taking a strong stand against fascist aggression either through outright repeal of the act or passage of the Thomas amendments.

The house committee now seems inclined to go along with President Roosevelt on foreign policy to an even greater extent than the Senate Foreign Relations Committee whose members while preponderantly opposed to the present act have not yet reached any agreement on a substitute.

At the Senate hearings, one of the biggest guns of the isolationists, (Continued on Page 4)

## House Approves Appropriation Bill for Army

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP).—The house today approved the conference report on the \$508,789,824 War Department Appropriation Bill for 1940 which will give the Army 585 new planes and vastly increase its ordnance equipment.

As soon as the Senate acts on the final draft the appropriation measure will be sent to the White House.

## City Council To See Preview of Nazi Spy Film

The City Council will open its session today by previewing the Warner Brothers' movie, "Confessions of a Nazi Spy."

After the film is shown the municipal legislative body will consider the Sharkey Bill, which would outlaw the wearing of stormtroop, Nazi or fascist uniforms any place in the city.

## Named to SEC



LEON HENDERSON

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP).—Leon Henderson, economist long associated with the New Deal, was nominated today by President Roosevelt to be a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 1939.

## U. S. Mediator To Join Mine Parley Today

Dr. Steelman, Designated by Perkins to Try for Agreement

Negotiators for the bituminous operators and United Mine Workers will inaugurate this morning the seventh week of their conferences for a new contract, with Dr. John R. Steelman, director of the U. S. Department of Labor Conciliation Service, as special mediator.

Yesterday's sessions at the Biltmore Hotel produced no change in the situation.

Dr. Steelman attended one of the conferences last week but only to study the situation for a report to Secretary Frances Perkins. Now he has been formally designated for his position. There was no indication, however, what proposal he will have to break the six-week impasse, and to end the lockout of 338,000 miners now in the fourth week.

The deadlock still remains over the refusal of the operators to either concede 100 per cent union employment or to give up the penalty clause which gives the operator a right to impose a fine on miners for every day they strike during the life of the contract.

Steelman was expected here yesterday but a report from the capital stated he has been "unavoidably detained."

Observers at the conference expect the Federal government is preparing to invoke certain powers, perhaps through the Interstate Commerce Commission, when Dr. Steelman arrives here. It was pointed out that during the Harding administration, when a fuel crisis developed on account of a strike, the President named a special committee to supervise the establishment of coal priorities for most essential requirements and called a special meeting of both sides.

The United Press reported that Chairman Percy Tiedow of the National Bituminous Coal Commission announced his commission is studying power to invoke maximum prices on coal to prevent sky-rocketing of prices while the lockout continues. He said the commission is preparing to act quickly, perhaps on 24-hour notice.

Not a sign of coal production was reported from single quarter of the vast Appalachian field from which the country gets 70 per cent of the coal.

The long brewing showdown between union taxi drivers and the major fleet owners in the city approached a climax today with a sudden calling into session of the Transport Workers Union Wage Scale and General Strike Committee which meets at Transport Hall, 153 West 44th St. tonight.

Taxi union officials, led by general organizer Warren G. Horie who headed the city-wide walkout last January, were hopeful that last minute efforts through the city administration might avert a new general walkout on the eve of the opening of the World's Fair.

Thousands of taxi unionists have been chafing under the long drawn out negotiations between the union and the large employers, chiefly the Parnele and Terminal fleets, which have been conducted during the past 109 days since the end of

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## Parents Going to Albany on Budget

Delegation Leaves This Morning; Oppose Cuts in School Funds; Will Ask Assembly for Hearings; Warn Board of Education

New York City's mothers and fathers, battling to maintain the present educational facilities for their children, will leave for Albany this morning to protest Republican plans to slash state aid to education by \$9,710,000.

The parents' delegation, expected to include 2,000 persons, will leave Grand Central station at 9 A.M. and return at 7 P.M.

The threatened cut will mean an increase in the number of pupils in each class, elimination of health and recreational programs, curtailment of special classes, and abolition of the major part of the evening school program, it was predicted.

### SEEK OPEN HEARING

The parents will seek to obtain a public hearing on the threatened cut, although the Republican leaders have ignored a request for such a hearing asked by 11 leading teachers, labor and parents groups.

The delegation will make its stand known to the legislators even if no hearing is granted.

The delegation is sponsored by the United Parents Association and has received the active endorsement of the Joint Committee of Teachers Organizations and other groups.

At least two parents from each of the 800 elementary and high schools in the city are expected to participate.

### FOLLOWED WIRE

Formation of the parents' delegation followed the sending of a telegram to Republican leaders by 11 organizations, acting on invitation of James Marshall, president of the Board of Education.

Marshall warned that the cut in state aid to education would be a "body blow" to the city's educational system which is in "serious danger" because of the slashes.

The warning was reiterated in the monthly bulletin of the Progressive Education Association to be issued today, which charged that the city school system cannot absorb the proposed cut in state aid to education in addition to the curtailments proposed by the Mayor.

The P.E.A. said that the school system would be seriously dislocated if the proposed cuts went through.

In a letter to the Governor, Moses denounced the proposed program as "a slick, tricky way of doing the job" and as "unconstitutional."

He accused Republican leaders of committing a "stupid mistake" in attempting "to ditch the executive budget system, flout the constitution, and restore legislative domination" of the administrative branch.

In formulating its budget the GOP abolished the Governor's line-item veto and substituted lump sum appropriations. This is seen as repudiation of the executive budget system and, as such, unconstitutional.

It is now regarded as likely that the Governor may veto the 31 million dollar Republican "Economy" order on constitutional grounds if budget cuts are not restored.

In challenging the constitutionality of the lump sum method, the State Workers group charged the GOP with seeking the destruction of the merit system.

The security of every civil service employee by opening the doors to political manipulation and a personal favoritism, the brief read.

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WARREN G. HORIE

## Leads French C.P.



MAURICE THOREZ

## 4 Kids Die; Parents Hurt As Hut Burns

BRainerd, Minn., April 24 (UP).—Four small children were burned to death today when the one-room tar-paper shack of Mr. and Mrs. John Gage was destroyed by fire. The parents suffered critical burns in attempting to rescue the children and were given only an even chance for life.

Gage, a WPA worker, had moved into the tar-paper shack, four miles north of Brainerd, about two weeks ago.

The blaze apparently started when Mrs. Gage was attempting to make a fire in the cookstove. The children and Gage still were in bed.

Geoghan Heeds Madden 'Request' For Suspension

NEW YORK, April 24 (UP).—Assistant District Attorney Francis A. Madden of Kings County, who was indicted on charges of bribery, conspiracy to obstruct justice and accepting unlawful fees by the extraordinary Grand Jury, was relieved of his duties today by District Attorney William F. X. Geoghan.

Geoghan issued the following statement:

"Mr. Madden has asked me to relieve him of all duties as an Assistant District Attorney pending disposition of charges made against him. I have complied with his request."

## Form New Labor Party Cabinet In Australia

CANBERRA, Australia, April 24 (UP).—Premier R. G. Menzies today announced formation of a new Labor Party cabinet in which he will also hold the post of Treasurer.

Sir Henry Gullett was named Foreign Minister and Brig. Gen. A. G. Street, Minister of Defense.

City's Independent Subway System. "I will ask the B.M.T. and I.R.T. to do likewise," he added.

The suggestion that school kids be given free admission to the Fair was first made by Manhattan Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs in a resolution to the Board of Estimate last summer.

The resolution was bitterly opposed at that time by Park Commissioner Robert Moses. Mr. Moses told the Board he did not believe a private corporation like the Fair should give free tours.

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Potemkin Goes to Turkey

MOSCOW, April 24 (UP).—Vladimir Potemkin, vice-commissioner of foreign affairs, will leave for Turkey next Sunday, it was learned today. The purpose of his visit was not announced.

# HITLER QUERY IS THREAT AGAINST SMALL NATIONS, SOVIET PRESS DECLARES

## French Poll Is Blow to Tories, C.P. Vote Rises

By Sam Russell

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

PARIS, April 24.—Frenzied attacks upon the People's Front by reactionaries and fascists inside the French Government and out, have not broken the strength of the People's Front, developments over the week-end showed.

Parliamentary elections and other polls proved the will to peace of the French people.

Left victories were the people's answer to the banning of a scheduled meeting of Communist leader Maurice Thorez in Cannes by a local mayor who sports a decoration from Mussolini. Armed German troops and police were called out to prevent a private meeting.

COMMUNISTS TRY POLL

In the first round of the vote in the by-election for the Chamber of Deputies in Montluçon, Communist candidate Jardon topped the poll with 6,343 votes. In the municipal election at Clamart, the Communist list led with 2,220 votes, a 40 per cent increase over the Communist vote in 1935.

At Asnières, the People's Front list inflicted a crushing defeat on the reactionary candidate supported by the traitor Jacques Doriot.

In the Mulhouse district, on the French frontier, the People's Front maintained its positions despite an anti-Semitic campaign.

Side by side with these victories, a wave of indignation has been aroused by the decrees and the evidence of the Munich spirit in the return of the British and French Ambassadors to Berlin.

That the French General Staff is likewise alarmed by signs of preparation for a new sell-out to Hitler, was indicated by Deputy Henri de Kerillis, who acts as their spokesman.

"If Britain concludes an agreement with the Soviet Union," de Kerillis wrote today, "Germany will be faced with a coalition in the east and west, and Hitler will have to stop. If this does not take place, then the Munich blackmail will begin again, threats will start once more, and perhaps it will be war."

President to Send Reorganization Plan to Congress

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP).—Speaker William H. Bankhead said today he understood that President Roosevelt would send a government reorganization plan to Congress tomorrow.

He made the statement after he attended the regular weekly conference the President holds with legislative leaders.

Bankhead indicated that the reorganization plan would fall into four separate divisions, but did not explain them.

Dictatorship Set Up in Bolivia; Laws Abolished

LA PAZ, Bolivia, April 24 (UP).—President German Busch issued a decree today establishing a dictatorship and abolishing all law codes.

The Cabinet resigned, but agreed on Busch's suggestion to remain in office for the present.

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Timeliness of F. D. R. Appeal Is Shown by Replies

NEW BALKAN PERIL

Mediterranean War Drive Spurred, Press Bares

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, April 24.—The answer of the Rome-Berlin Axis to President Roosevelt's peace message is more aggression and preparations for aggression, the influential Journal de Moscou editorially declared today.

The Journal, Moscow's French-language weekly, scoffed at Hitler's bulldozing queries to a number of small countries mentioned in Roosevelt's message as to whether they felt "threatened" by Germany.

"The question itself, and the form in which it was put, are a new threat against a number of European countries by Germany," the newspaper warned.

HIGH POINTS

The high points of the editorial were:

1. Hitler's speech to the "dummy" Reichstag Friday "has already lost all practical significance," since Axis policy and maneuvers have furnished the real "acid test" answer.

2. The countries queried, though under Axis blackmail, intimated that the threat to their independence came from the side of the Nazi Reich.

The peaceful countries gave open support to the initiative of the President of the United States of America. Hitler and Mussolini failed to give an official answer to the question placed before them," the Journal de Moscou said.

"The answer will be given in Hitler's speech on April 23, but this answer has already lost all practical significance. Germany and Italy have answered Roosevelt's question by their policy and their maneuvers."

CLUMSY MANEUVER

"Instead of giving guarantees of non-aggression to the 31 countries [mentioned in Roosevelt's appeal], fascist Germany resorted to a clumsy maneuver. The German Government chose a certain number of small states for whom it is difficult to give a frank answer to a question by the fascist aggressor. It asked them to notify Berlin immediately if they considered themselves menaced by Germany."

"The question itself, and the form in which it was put, are a new threat against a number of European countries by Germany."

"But fascist diplomacy cannot even take advantage of the answers of the small countries."

"Certain governments, like the Lithuanian, referred to a German promise, as if they wanted to stress that the whole problem is to find out whether Germany keeps its promises, about which they have doubts."

"Other governments, like the Belgian, referred to the German guarantees and also made references to British and French guarantees, making it known that the German menace cannot be eliminated."

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Norway Tells Nazis It Will Defend Itself

OSLO, Norway, April 24 (UP).—Foreign Minister Halvdan Koht has replied to Germany's questions by saying that Norway did not know in advance of President Roosevelt's peace message and does not feel itself menaced, it was announced today.

However, he added:

"In case of war we know Norway would be endangered and therefore are restoring our defense."



## CABLED NEWS AND COMMENTS AND SPECIAL FOREIGN DISPATCHES TO THE DAILY WORKER

# 5-Year Plan Spurs USSR as No. 1 Nation In Food Production

Zotov, Food Industry Commissar, Reveals Leading Position; Second Only to U.S. in Canning; Packing Plants Best

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, April 24.—The Third Five-Year Plan will strengthen the position of the Soviet Union as one of the leading food producers of the world, People's Commissar of Food Industry V. P. Zotov declared in the Government newspaper, Izvestia, today.

In output and technical level of production, a number of branches of the Soviet food industry are the best in the world, Zotov wrote.

The Soviet sugar-beet industry is first in the world and the canning industry is behind only the American. Soviet meat-packing plants built during the two past Five-Year plans are technically the best equipped in the world, he declared.

Production of semi-prepared foods to facilitate home cooking is to be increased, Zotov said. Production of tomato juice is to increase from 1,600,000 cans to 85,000,000 cans by 1942, the last year of the Third Five-Year Plan. Production of fruit and grape juices will rise from the present 3,000,000 cans annually to 23,000,000 cans in 1942.

Emphasis on baking of wheat bread instead of the once predominant rye bread will be another feature. In 1932, 70 per cent of all bread was rye. In 1937 it was only 37 and by 1942 it will be only 26 per cent.

Four million bottles of Soviet champagne will be produced in 1939 and 12,000,000 bottles in 1942, as compared with the 150,000 bottles of two years ago.

The quality of soft drinks and beer is being improved as well as the assortment and quality of candies.

The crop of Georgian tea will be increased from the 600 tons of 1932 to 20,000 tons by 1942.

## London Appoints Marquis as New Envoy to U. S.

LONDON, April 24 (UP).—Appointment of the Marquis of Lathom as British Ambassador to Washington succeeding Sir Ronald Lindsay was announced tonight by the government.

The 57-year-old Marquis, who is widely known in the United States, will assume his new post sometime during the summer after Sir Ronald's retirement.

## Hull Confirms U. S.-British Barter Talks

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP).—Secretary of State Cordell Hull today confirmed London advice that U. S. Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy has begun negotiations for barter of U. S. cotton and wheat for British rubber and tin.

He said the discussions now are in a preliminary stage.

Hull said that proposals for similar barter deals with the Belgian and Netherlands governments were under consideration, but indicated that actual conversations have not yet been opened.

The administration decided to undertake the barter deals in an effort to get rid of some of this country's big surpluses of cotton and wheat and at the same time to acquire supplies of materials whose sources might be cut off in event of war.

## Sets Seaplane Record



BEING CONGRATULATED for his record-breaking flight by Coast Guard Boatman P. H. Simpson (left) and Lighthouse Keeper A. J. Reilver is Dewey E. Willoughby. His average speed was 73 1/2 miles an hour over a 2,000 kilometer course.

## Mexican Youth Weld National Unity Program

Congress Highlights Fight on Fascism; Back FDR Appeal

By Alfred Miller

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, April 24.—Unity of the youth of Mexico on the basis of a clear anti-fascist, anti-imperialist program is today an established fact, the result of the four-day National Youth Congress of Mexican Youth last week.

Delegations from youth organizations and youth centers throughout the Mexican Republic, including youth representatives from the political parties, the trade unions, the peasants, the army and the universities have created the new Confederation of Mexican Youth (Confederación de Jóvenes de México) "to rally in support of the principles of the Revolution, to struggle for its demands and its fundamental interests."

The new organization is headed by Carlos Madrazo, President; Angel Veraza, General Secretary; and Enrique Ramirez y Ramirez, Secretary for Organization and Propaganda. Madrazo is also the leader of the youth section of the Party of the Mexican Revolution which took the initiative in organizing the congress.

### CARDENAS GREETES PARLEY

President Lazaro Cardenas sent the following message of greetings to the newly elected Executive Committee:

"In acknowledging the celebration of the Youth Unity Congress, it gives me great pleasure to express my warmest wishes that your organization may distinguish itself through the social discipline which prevails in the spirit of youth and which must exist to achieve those generous aims on behalf of the people who need culture and improved economic conditions—a discipline which is indispensable in the responsible task that belongs to every one within the collective life of Mexico."

The congress had a strong anti-fascist note throughout. The resolutions were passed unanimously by the almost 2,000 delegates.

Referring to President Roosevelt's last speech, the Congress stated: "The revolutionary youth of Mexico expresses its sympathy and support with the policy of President Roosevelt whose anti-fascist attitude reflects the feeling of the youth and people of North America."

One resolution read: "Mexican youth salutes the people of Colombia, Cuba, Chile and Costa Rica, bulwarks of continental democracy, and demands that the other American governments follow the routes shown by those of these peoples."

"The youth of Mexico applauds the gallant attitude of the Soviet Union on the international field for putting the huge force of its people to work at the service of world democracy."

Another resolution asked that "the Government of Mexico" renew its relations with the Soviet Union."

"Facing the danger of a new world war fomented by fascism, the youth of Mexico declares that it is part of the forces defending democracy, peace and the rights of the people."

"The youth of Mexico, unified in one great central body, will struggle to rally all the democratic forces of the continent for a program of collective defense against its common enemies; invading fascism, its national allies, and the imperialist forces opposed to the development of our countries."

### APPEAL TO U. S. YOUTH

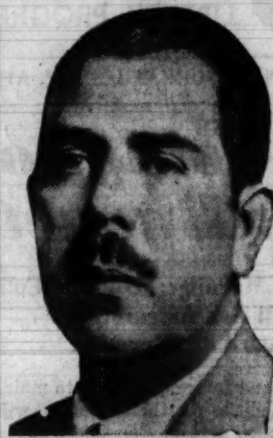
Appealing to the youth of America, one resolution states: "We invite the youth of the continent to unite in the defense of the democratic conquests of Mexico and of the integrity and independence of our country which Mexican youth is defending under the orientation of Lazaro Cardenas, the teacher of the revolutionary youth of Mexico and anti-fascist leader of the continent."

During the four-day sessions, the congress was addressed by Luis I. Rodriguez, President of the PRM, Lombardo Toledano, general secretary of the Mexican Confederation of Labor, by Rafael Carrillo for the Communist Party, and by other progressive leaders of the Mexican people.

The resolution, signed by Mrs. Hugh MacKay, president, and by Mrs. J. G. Levers and Mrs. George Jennings, vice-president and secretary, respectively, lauded the President for "his direct, unselfish and courageous appeal to the leaders of all governments to bring about world peace."

Expressing its desire for common council among nations to avert war, the resolution further urged the "settlement of political, economic

## Hails Youth



LAZARO CARDENAS

## Italy Expels Mower, Chicago Correspondent

ROME, April 24.—Richard Mower, correspondent of the Chicago Daily News in Rome was ordered to leave Italy by May 5 by the fascist government today.

A number of American and other foreign correspondents have been expelled in recent months for reporting news unfavorable to Mussolini's regime.

## British Envoy Returns To 'Appease' Nazis

Chamberlain Evades Queries on Anti-Axis Plans

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abeyance pending Hitler's reply to Roosevelt.

Soviet circles in London commented bitterly on Henderson's return to Berlin, considering it a "relapse into appeasement" and hinting that it might have a deterrent effect on any British-French agreement with the Soviet Union.

Chamberlain dodged questions in Commons regarding the possibility of conscription.

It was understood the Cabinet, which met during the day, has reached no definite decision on the question although there were growing indications that conscription in one form or another might come within a few days.

Chamberlain declined to answer a question by Alfred Edwards, Laborite Socialist, as to whether the government would conscript wealth if it became necessary to conscript manpower.

Members of the House of Commons are ready to support conscription and a demand along this line will be introduced in the House of Lords Wednesday by Viscount Buckmaster.

The government moved during the day toward establishment of compulsory physical training of British youths, the first step toward actual conscription.

In connection with Henderson's return to the Berlin Embassy, it was indicated that he would assure Ribbentrop of Britain's readiness to recognize Nazi Germany's "legitimate aspirations."

It was reported that he would tell the Nazi leaders that Britain has been urging Poland to assume an "amiable attitude" regarding the Free City of Danzig.

The Polish Ambassador to Britain, Count Edward Racinski, departed hurriedly for Paris by airplane during the day on what was understood to be "urgent" business.

It was speculated that it might be in regard to Britain's efforts to "settle" the Polish-German dispute. Racinski will discuss the situation with the Polish Ambassador in Paris and return to London Tuesday.

The message which Henderson carried to Berlin completely overshadowed the conference here of Grigore Gafencu, Rumanian Foreign Minister, with Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax.

Gafencu had come from Berlin where he resisted Nazi efforts to win him over to the Rome-Berlin Axis.

Rumania in her reply to Hitler's questionnaire as to whether Europe's smaller nations feared aggression from Nazi Germany had said curtly: "Germany is in a better position than Rumania to know its own intentions."

## OKLA. WOMEN SPUR PEACE DRIVE; BACK F. D. R. APPEAL

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAPULPA, Okla., April 24.—A movement to rally the people of the state of Oklahoma behind an active peace policy of democratic unity against the aggressors, was launched yesterday by the Creek County Women's Democratic Club. The organization, at a regular meeting, took the lead in this movement, by passing a resolution warmly commending President Roosevelt for his strong peace message to the fascist dictators.

The resolution, signed by Mrs. Hugh MacKay, president, and by Mrs. J. G. Levers and Mrs. George Jennings, vice-president and secretary, respectively, lauded the President for "his direct, unselfish and courageous appeal to the leaders of all governments to bring about world peace."

Expressing its desire for common council among nations to avert war, the resolution further urged the "settlement of political, economic

and social problems among nations at the council table, by peaceful methods without resort to war."

# Chinese Victories Reflect Growing Strength of Army

Successful Attacks Show Weakening of Tokio Forces; Army Paper Says Time Is Not Yet Ripe for General Counter-Offensive

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, China, April 24.—"The successful development of the offensive operations of the Chinese troops on various fronts does not signify a passage to a general counter-offensive, since the requisite conditions for such an offensive do not exist as yet," the Chinese Army organ, Ta Kung Pao, writes today.

## France Closes Nazi Outfits Near Border

Racial, Religious Inciting Will Be Punished by Fines

STRASBOURG, France, April 24 (UP).—Police acting under government orders today enforced dissolution of three autonomist organizations in the province of Alsace, headed by pro-Nazi "Fuehrers," on the grounds that they are anti-national and subversive.

A decree of the Council of Ministers in Paris directed local authorities to order the three organizations—the Jungmannschaft Bund Erwin von Steinbach and the Elsassischer Volksbildungsverein—to return all membership fees and discontinue all meetings.

The Alsation "Fuehrers" were warned that severe penalties would be imposed if they continued propaganda aimed at severing Alsace from France.

The government decree did not affect another Alsation pro-Nazi group called the Peasants' Corporative Movement.

The Jungmannschaft has functioned along the lines of the German Nazi Brownshirts and members give the Hitler salute and greet their leader, Dr. Joseph Bickler, with cries of "Heil Bickler."

Jungmannschaft has functioned secretly and French authorities recently intervened to prevent his youthful "stormtroops" from drilling along the fortifications of France's vital Maginot Line.

An investigator for the newspaper Paris Soir reported that Speller's magazine, the Strasbourg Monatshefte, enjoys the "benevolent patronage" of German publishers.

The Paris Soir asserted that Bickler's weekly publication, the Freie Volk, specialized in attacks against France, Marxism and the Jews—all under the inspiration of Hitler's Nazi ideology.

## U. S. Modifies Penalty Duties On Nazi Imports

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP).—The treasury today announced modification of its 25 per cent penalty duties against imports from Germany.

Customs commissioner James H. Moyle informed customs collectors that the penalty imposed need not be applied to importations from Germany consisting of gifts for the personal use of the person receiving it or articles purchased at retail for personal use.

Exemption from the 25 per cent extra impost also could be granted in cases where the customs collector is satisfied that the American importer has proved that he paid the full purchase price for goods bought in Germany.

## Former Nazi Envoy Heads Refugee Group

(By United Press)

Dr. Ernst Wilhelm Meyer, who resigned as first secretary of the two years ago in protest against Nazi policies, has been named head of a newly organized department of education of the American Committee for Christian German Refugees, it was announced today.

The committee also announced the appointment of George Rublee, former director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Political Refugees, as its honorary chairman. Another honorary chairman is Thomas Mann, the novelist.

## British Economic Mission Arrives In Bucharest

BUCHAREST, Rumania, April 24 (UP).—Sir Frederick Leith-Ross and other members of a British economic mission arrived today to negotiate with the government on closer economic relations, possibly involving funds for Rumanian national defense. A representative of the Shell Oil Company also arrived, leading observers to believe that the negotiations would be largely concerned with oil.

## 71 Vets in France Face Jail Threat

Lack of Funds Imperils Safety; Friends Issue Appeal

Seventy-one Americans, now in France after two years in Franco prisons, may be sent to jail in Havre because the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade have no funds with which to maintain them until passports can be secured and their passage arranged.

A similar fate awaits 120 veterans, mainly foreign-born veterans, who have been in Havre for more than a month, after weeks in French border concentration camps.

In the past month the Friends of the Lincoln Brigade have cabled \$10,000 to Havre, but this large sum has been scarcely sufficient to care for the veterans' barest needs.

An appeal for funds to keep these heroes of democracy from being sent to prison was issued today by the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. National chairman David McKelvey White urged all supporters of democracy to rush funds to the Friends' Office, 125 W. 45th St., New York City.

"These men have lived in hell for two years," Mr. White, a veteran of the Lincoln Brigade, declared. "Yet their first act upon reaching freedom was to think of the ten comrades they left behind and give of their small allowances so that food might be bought for them."

"The situation in the front is now quite clear," says the Ta Kung Pao. "The difficulties of the Japanese Army are increasing. On the decisive sectors we have been able to frustrate the plans of the enemy."

"During 22 months of war, the arms of the Chinese army have increased 100 per cent. During this period the firearms of the enemy have decreased 40 per cent."

## Prepares to Adjourn

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP).—The Supreme Court announced today that it will conclude oral arguments for the current 1938-39 term next week.

It was expected that the final session of the term will be held either May 29 or June 6.

## Canadian 'Stores' Dynamite Near Power Canal

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., April 24 (UP).—Royal Canadian mounted police today searched for Dan Leavie, a prospector who cached a 50-pound case of dynamite near the Canadian ship canal apparently because he knew of no other place to store it.

The Young Communist League proudly presents "SWING AMERICA" A musical revue in swing

NATIONAL CONVENTION YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

OPENING SESSION THURSDAY, MAY 11 MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

Speakers: EARL BROWDER General Secretary, Communist Party U. S. A. ANGELO HERNDON Nat'l Vice-Pres. Young Communist League Lt. Col. JOHN GATES Former Commander of 15th Brigade ADM. \$1.10, 65¢, 40¢



# Alliance Charges Tory Drive on WPA Using Dies Technique

## Red-Baiting Relief Quiz Opens Here

Morgan Warns Workers Against Intimidation; Rejects Demand

With H. R. Burton, its investigator in charge here, Rep. Woodrum's WPA Investigating Committee of the House is employing exactly the same witch-hunt technique used last winter, Willis Morgan, Greater New York President of the Workers Alliance charged yesterday.

"The committee is not investigating administration of WPA as the resolution granting it \$25,000 specified," he said. "The investigation is not directed towards discovering ways to improve WPA."

"It's another smear campaign. Just another red-hunt."

Morgan cited as an example, the type of questions Burton put to Julius Mischel, chairman of the Federal Arts Project Staff local of the Workers Alliance.

The investigation is directed almost entirely to discovering the political views of those questioned, and finding a number who are Communists for display purposes at the House committee hearings, Morgan declared.

### RED-BAITING QUIZ

After being questioned on the conduct of Workers Alliance local activity—membership, dues, names of officials—Mischel was asked if Alliance members make any contributions for any other purposes, such as political campaigns.

"Are you a member of the Communist Party?" Mischel was asked. "Do you subscribe to the Daily Worker?"

"Do you believe in the philosophy of Marx, Engels, etc.?"

Here Mischel asked that Burton be specific. But Burton insisted that he answer the "general question," to which Mischel replied that he believes in "jobs, security and liberty" which is part of the basic program of the Alliance.

"Is there any relation between the Alliance and the Communist Party?" was another question.

"Do you believe a project worker should have a voice in the running of the project?"

"Did you participate in any demonstrations in cuts in personnel and appropriations for WPA?"

Following this line of inquisition, Burton turned to demanding the membership list of the local. He was referred to the treasurer, who, however, refused to yield any property of the Alliance on the ground that it belongs to the general city office where Burton must now go if he expects to get anything.

### WARN AGAINST COERCION

Morgan said that the committee has no power for such "kind of stuff." He has issued advice to all Alliance members not to be intimidated by claims of power by the committee members. No one need answer questions bearing on political or union affiliation, he said, or any matters relating to these subjects.

As another example of the witch-hunting object in the investigation, Morgan cited the "raid" upon the offices of the writers' project, where questionnaires similar to these used for Mischel were distributed. After a search through the desk drawers and papers, a Daily Worker was found. The copy was placed on top of a stack of newspapers and photographed for the committee's "evidence" exhibits.

Great resentment developed here when the House "raiding party" conceived of transporting to Washington all costumes, scenery, hangings, curtains, lights and all other materials prepared by the producers of "Sing for Your Supper," a WPA play, scheduled to start at the Adelphi yesterday. The demand was based on an anonymous letter that Rep. Woodrum received listing the expense for the materials. The several tons of material was to be displayed as evidence of the "waste" by WPA.

It was only after the committee was convinced that it would take a long time to dismantle the scenery preparations, and the costumes were just sent to be laundered, that the committee consented to be satisfied with only photographs.

With "Sing for Your Supper" apparently marked for a target by the "economizers," the company of the play wired invitations to Mrs. Roosevelt and the President, WPA Administrator Harrington and other prominent individuals to view for themselves their production.

## Police Chief's Son Jailed in Kicking Old Man to Death

DEHAM, Mass., April 24 (UP).—John Robert Moloney, 23-year-old son of Milford's police chief, was sentenced to seven to 10 years in state prison today for kicking an elderly man to death. He was convicted of manslaughter by a jury Friday in the death of John O'Neill, 73, of Cambridge, a Medford State Hospital patient.

## 143 Indicted Oil Workers Want Separate Trials

Wives and Children Take to Picket Line in Tulsa Strike

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
TULSA, Okla., April 24.—Mid-Continent's attempt to smash the four-month-old strike of their West Tulsa refinery workers ran smack into a magnificent display of morale which attracted immediate support for the militant members of the CIO Oil Workers International Union.

Locked up in the county bastille after an unprecedented mass indictment by the Tulsa County Grand Jury on charges of conspiracy, riot and unlawful assembly, 143 strikers today had "proxies" on their picket lines in the form of their wives and children.

"This 'oil capitol of the world' was still humming today with talk about the actions of the strikers last week."

Indicted on Monday by the County Grand Jury, the striking CIO members gathered in front of their West Tulsa headquarters on Wednesday and accompanied by their cheering wives and children marched en masse to the county courthouse.

There four judges of the Court of Common Pleas were hastily summoned to grapple with the problem of granting each of the 143 indicted workers the separate trials they demanded.

DEMANDING RIGHTS  
O. R. Woods, assistant treasurer of the union, said:

"We have determined that each man will take advantage of his constitutional rights and demand a separate trial."

"That will mean 143 of them, if the county has money to finance it. They'll get their fill of it before we're through."

Twenty-five of the men posted \$100 bonds and were instructed by Judge W. N. Randolph to report for trial May 1.

Failing to make bond, 85 others were taken to the county jail, among them 24 who are being held on felony indictments and who have been unable to make bail of \$2,000 each.

County Attorney Dixie Gilmer, whom local union president Jack Hays has charged with "being on the Mid-Continent payroll," was up in the air about the activities of the auxiliary strikers.

Informed that wives and children had picket-hit on the picket line and that one child picket was carrying a sign, reading, "My Daddy Was Sent to Jail by the Grand Jury," Gilmer instructed Marsh to confiscate all signs derogatory to the recent grand jury and to bring contempt of court proceedings against the pickets if they persisted in carrying such signs.

SHERIFF RILED  
Sheriff Marrs was riled at the action of several of the jailed strikers who hung signs from their cells, proclaiming: "This jail is unfair to organized labor."

The sheriff issued instructions to remove all "privileges" for the 85 jailed CIO men unless they ceased their "horse-play."

In the meantime, J. C. Coulter, international president of the union, returned from a conference with Governor Leon C. Phillips in Oklahoma City and said the union has a new strike settlement proposal under consideration which he will reveal "within a few days."

The union president made it clear that the union would stand firm on its demand that 147 members discharged by the company "for cause" must be taken back before the strike is called off.

## MURPHY CALLS FOR CLEAN-UP OF COURT PATRONAGE EVILS

(By United Press)

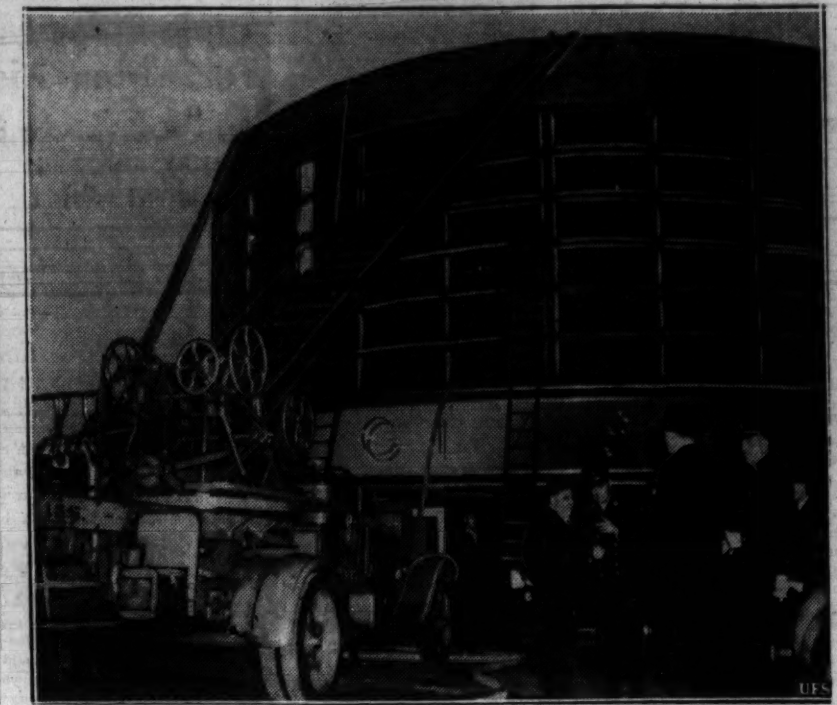
Attorney General Frank Murphy today called for reform of receivership and bankruptcy as a first step in freeing federal courts of politics, patronage and inefficiency.

Speaking before the annual luncheon of the Associated Press, Murphy said the absolute integrity of the courts must be preserved if democracy is to survive. Politics, he said, "must stop when it is reaching the point where it undermines the citizens' confidence in the federal courts and the administration of federal justice."

The basic source of a changed public attitude toward the federal judiciary, Murphy said, is failure of the courts "to achieve efficiency in their work and, second, a tendency to allow that work to drift into the realm of politics and patronage."

"Probably the most glaring example of politics and patronage in the federal courts," he said, "has been the handling of receivership

## Mayor at Fair Glass Fire



SUDDEN BLAZE at the glass center of the World's Fair caused extensive damage when huge mirrors and other glass objects were destroyed. Mayor LaGuardia, left, and Bernard Baruch (back to the camera) were spectators.

## Pecan Workers Ask Wage-Hour Enforcement

Tell Andrews Employers Still Violating Provisions

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 24.—A plea for immediate uniform enforcement of the Wage and Hours Law in the pecan industry was made today to Administrator Elmer F. Andrews by the Pecan Workers Union, which charged that chiselers and open violations are destroying wage standards and work opportunities.

The telegram, signed by Santos G. Vasquez, business agent of the union, and Horace Bryan, international representative of the parent body, the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers Union, CIO, said:

"Open and acknowledged violations of Wage-Hour Law continue throughout South in pecan industry. Wage-Hour representative here tells us that cases of acknowledged and defiant violations have been reported to your administration. 'Legitimate operators have either been driven out of business or are being forced to law violations to exist by mushroom operations which have sprung up and which are feeding upon law violations.'"

The pecan industry, which before the birth of our organization, had the lowest paid workers in the nation, is today being destroyed and reestablished in other cities and towns in the South at wages which are lower and under working conditions which are worse than that which formerly existed here.

San Antonio's 10,000 pecan workers because they raised their heads against starvation wages, are today 90 per cent unemployed, and without relief from local, state, or federal governments.

"As representatives of several thousand workers in the industry we feel that we are entitled to know if action is contemplated against those who are tearing down standards of wages and destroying opportunities for work through law violations."

GANNES TO SPEAK IN NEWARK TOMORROW

NEWARK, N. J., April 24.—Harry Gannes, foreign editor of the Daily Worker and columnist of World Profit will speak tomorrow at 8:30 P.M. at the Beekie Home, 170 Clinton Avenue, Newark, under the auspices of the Clinton Hill Branch, Communist Party.

His topic will be "The Second World War."

## Coughlin Follows Hitler, Church Parley Hears

Rev. Cole, Head of Michigan Unitarian Church Conference, Cites 'Alarming' Propaganda by Fascist Priest; Charges Lies

BOSTON, April 24 (UP).—The Rev. Walton E. Cole, President of the Michigan Conference of Unitarian Churches, said last night that Adolf Hitler "in alarming fashion." Addressing Ford Hall forum, he likened the

radio priest to Hitler because of "unfair endeavor to couple the words Jew and Communist, his emotional appeals to prejudice and his self-glorifying theatrical entrances in mass meetings of his followers."

Rev. Cole, minister of the First Unitarian Church of Toledo, O., charged that Father Coughlin "repeated his original misstatements" even when given authoritative facts. Rev. Cole believed Father Coughlin should accept an invitation to speak at a public meeting, answer questions and reply to charges made against him.

## Retail Store Rolls Up 2.7% in March But Below 1938

ALBANY, April 24.—Retail stores in the state increased their forces 2.7 per cent from the middle of February to the middle of March and paid out 2.2 per cent more in total amount of payrolls.

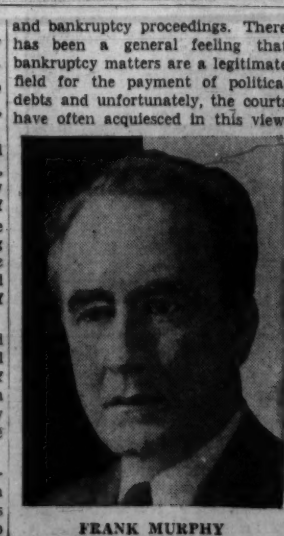
According to a statement issued today by Industrial Commissioner Frieda S. Miller, the gains were greater than those reported last March when employment increased 1.1 per cent and payrolls rose 0.4 per cent.

Retail stores in New York City expanded forces 2.9 per cent and payrolls 2.3 per cent from February to March. These gains followed large seasonal reductions in January and smaller losses in February.

Compared with last March, New York City retailers were employing 1.0 per cent smaller forces this March but they were paying out 0.1 per cent more in total payrolls.

TO OPEN HEADQUARTERS

The John Brown Branch of the Communist Party in the 18th A.D., Brooklyn is celebrating the opening of its new headquarters at 666 Rockaway Ave. on April 25th at 8:30 P.M. As their guest of honor, Sol Sherwood will speak on "May Day and Negro Traditions."



FRANK MURPHY

and bankruptcy proceedings. There has been a general feeling that bankruptcy matters are a legitimate field for the payment of political debts and unfortunately, the courts have often acquiesced in this view.

"Obviously, such a condition is not in the public interest. Receivership and bankruptcy matters should not be permitted to drift into the realm of political patronage. A good judge does not want patronage; a bad one should not have it."

Murphy, who has made housecleaning of the courts one of his prime objectives since he took office in January, said judiciary inefficiency is "painfully evident" in congested court dockets and absence of coordination in the federal courts. An extreme example, he said, are "the very few judges" who have required an "unbelievably long time" to render decision.— in some instances as long as several years.

He said that, in general, the federal judiciary is "an admirable institution and a very definite credit to American democracy." But he said the courts display several obvious weaknesses, and he proposed remedies to eliminate them.

## CIO Union Hits Red-Hunt In State Civil Service

State, County and Municipal Workers Denounce Proposed Probe in Letter; Delegation To Assail Slashes

ALBANY, April 24 (UP).—The State County and Municipal Workers of America, CIO, today denounced a proposed legislative investigation into alleged "subversive and un-American" activities within the state departments. In a letter to Assemblyman Charles O. Burney, Erie Republican, and sponsor of the proposed investigation, Daniel Allen, union vice-president, said:

"It is adding insult to injury to fling epithets of 'subversive' and 'un-American' at state employees, after a budget has been proposed which will reduce their salaries to un-American levels and will subvert the proper operation of the departments of government of the state."

Referring to Republican proposals for reductions in the budget, the union leaders said:

"Our members feel that a resolution of this kind comes with particularly bad grace when their security and wage standards are threatened by the budget proposals of your party."

DELEGATION TO ASSAIL G.O.P. BUDGET CUT PLANS

ALBANY, April 24.—State employees, from various cities in New York will meet with legislators tonight to protest the contents of the Republican budget proposals.

Daniel Allen, vice-president of the State, County and Municipal Employees, CIO, said the delegation will center their attack on the plan to suspend annual wage increases for state employees and the GOP lump-sum proposals.

He announced that a mass meeting of all State employees in Albany is planned for Wednesday night to protest the proposed budget.

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## LaGuardia Puts Nightclubs on Good Behavior

Announces That Rowdy Spots Face Ban During Fair

Mayor LaGuardia last night warned nightclubs they will have to be on their "good behavior" during the period of the World's Fair.

He announced that no rowdy clubs would be allowed to operate when asked about the temporary suspension of the license of the El Morocco, a mid-town club, where the owner, John Perrone, was charged with slugging a customer.

The Mayor said that police had taken in the Morocco license and that a hearing on suspension will be held before License Commissioner Paul Moss today.

"It was police routine," the Mayor declared when asked about the matter.

"But it is reported that you ordered the suspension," LaGuardia was asked.

"Even then it is police routine," the Mayor replied.

"A brawl is a brawl no matter where it happens. It is a very serious offense for the proprietor of any licensed place to pummel, slug, beat, strike, kick or otherwise abuse patrons. We are going to watch them."

Asked if there would be any special regulations for nightclubs during the Fair, the Mayor said:

"Good behavior. That's enough, quite enough."

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# CAB DRIVERS WANT REAL UNITY, WITHOUT BOSSES STOOGES

## Asks Municipal Ownership for N.Y. Taxi Fleets

### Union Driver Outlines Advantages; Would Stop Chaos

By Headout

While the contract now pending, and the gains we will receive as a result of it, plus the increased revenue brought into the industry through the World's Fair, will help improve the condition of New York's hackies, we must look a little further ahead to a more permanent solution of our problems as hackies.

That the taxi industry is today a semi-public utility using the streets of New York is self-evident. So I raise the question here and now of municipal ownership and operation of the taxicabs of New York, with all the present six-day hackies placed on civil service.

Anyone acquainted with the ideas of the present City Planning Commission knows that our industry will have to be modified according to the development of its ideas.

Furthermore, we in taxi know positively that the fleet owners can't plan their suppers, let alone for the taxi industry, that the present mess is their doing and theirs alone. Only municipal ownership can successfully gear the taxi industry to city planning.

#### UNION SAFEGUARD

As with transit unification, only the Transport Workers Union can assure the hackies of having their interests safeguarded under municipal ownership. As the T.W.U. fights the Wicks Bill, so it will fight for our rights under any circumstance which may arise.

What can we hackies look forward to under municipal ownership and operation of the taxicabs?

First, the number of hacks operating today will be cut down to the number necessary. Furthermore, the cost of operation will be further cut down by central buying and central management.

Second, the industry will be able to pay a living wage in the neighborhood of \$30 to \$35 a week with two weeks vacation to each man. And we'll work five days a week, eight hours a day. There won't be any Hack Bureau—in its place, we hackies will elect a commission of private citizens to manage our industry.

#### MORE ECONOMICAL

Again the cost will be cut down by the almost complete elimination of dead mileage.

When I get a call to the Bronx, I'll call up the central taxi telephone switchboard to find out where to go, what line needs more cabs. The only dead mileage will be accumulated when we go home to hot meals for lunch and dinner.

No more closed lines, no more cutting and chiseling, no more shape-ups and beating a path from one garage to another to beg a dispatcher for a load. No gas fumes, for our industry will be able to maintain well-groomed and perfect conditioned cars.

We will be uniformed by a union shop and our appearances will be the talk of all the visitors. Our home life will not be marred by economic worries.

And finally, none of the legitimate six days a week hackies will lose out in the limitation of cabs, for the five days a week, eight hours a day shifts will take care of all of them without triple shifting the cabs.

## Write to Us

The next issue of the Taxi page will give more space to letters.

Send in your letters to "The Hawk," 381 4th Ave., Room 413.

## WHAT'S ON

RATES: 15 words, 50¢ Monday to Saturday, 5¢ Sunday, 10¢ additional word. DEADLINE: Weekdays, 12 Noon. Sunday Worker, Friday, 12 Noon. Payments must be made in advance or notice will not appear.

#### Tomorrow

SUSAN WOODRUFF—Illustrated Lecture on U.S.S.R. Questions, Discussion, Subj. 10:30 P.M. Peoples Forum, 12 East 13th St. N.Y.C.  
BRASS BAND—Announces a theme by Haydn. Played, Altered and discussed. Admission 25¢. 8:30 P.M. Rudolf Jankel, Communist, 18 E. 12th St., N.Y.C. Ausp. Metropolitan Music School.

#### Coming

ROCKWELL KENT, BILL GROPPER, Hugo Gellert, Louis Lowyck—Inducted at Members Lodge 100 I.W.O. TAC Entertainment, Free Refreshments, Thursday, April 27, 8 P.M. Irving Plaza, 15th St., Irving Pl., N.Y.C. Admission 25¢.  
MIDTOWN FORUM—Announces a Viethalmur Steinbaum on Soviet Science and Exploration in the Arctic. Sunday, April 25, 7:30 P.M. Germania Hall, 144 West 16th St., corner Third Ave., N.Y.C.



By the Hawk

THE Hack Bureau's latest attempt at intimidation in connection with uniforms. The operators and their stooges are determined that the hackies pay for their World's Fair garb. The Hawk is 100 per cent for neat uniforms. But the operators who will gross over a million dollars in increased revenue from the Fair, must be made to pay for the outfits.

What's more, they must come from a manufacturer employing union help only. Certainly the hackmen who are the poorest paid of the transit workers, cannot pay. Commissioners, stop holding up the hack license renewals, for you are only lending yourselves to the further exploitation of us hackies. . . . There must have been some first class scupping going on during the last meeting of the Met. Exec. to make Big Sam spend so much time up in Horie's office and another so-called Exec. member to call on Mr. Dewey.

Too many fleet operators are in for an uncomfortable time before the State Legislature's Social Security Investigating Board. The Social Security Committees of several garages have built a fire under their collective . . . My little boy Wednesday spotted Cap King going the World's Fair ground for hack lines and such. Will the hackies, for once, get a break instead of the iron hand?

Ralph Romero, Atlantic Shop Steward, had to be sent away for a much needed vacation. The little fellow absolutely refused to take time out, but it was a rest now or else.

Portrait of a D.A.: Timber—between the ears, not Presidential! Have the stooges failed to present the much bragged about contracts to their membership because they know the rank and file will throw them out bodily if they dare ask for ratification of contracts that give no commission increases, that allow hiring off the floor and shape up, that does not recognize grievance committees and hence no job security?

That five pound night which Robbins-Parmelee No. 5, got last week came in handy, he tells me. . . . What did Miami Sam mean when he told Leo (Weasel) Roebbels

the January general strike led by the T.W.U.

The last major strike terminated after a three-day tie-up when Mayor LaGuardia intervened and won agreement from both sides that the individual fleets conduct bargaining agent elections and subsequently negotiate with those unions in the industry which the taxi drivers chose.

TWO WON ELECTIONS

The elections resulted in the T.W.U. winning the major fleets, Parmelee and Terminal, and five independent fleets to its banners. Arthur J. Meyer was designated by the Mayor to mediate where deadlocks ensued through during negotiations.

Fleet owners precipitated the rapidly developing crisis by several months of evasion and opposition toward the T.W.U.'s demands for a 2 1/2 per cent commission boost and the closed shop. The commission rate at present is 42 1/2 per cent, which nets the drivers an average of \$15 to \$18 a week.

Chief spokesmen for the owners during the long mediation proceedings have been Mr. Harold Regelman, counsel for the Terminal fleet, Mr. E. A. Doyensman and Mr. Levin Rank, representing Parmelee.

Parmelee operates the largest fleet in the city, numbering 2,000 cabs. Terminal is the next largest with 800, and the five independent fleets whom the T.W.U. represents are Lyric, Atlantic, Level, Comet and Hub, operate a total of 500. Negotiations with the five independent fleets have not yet begun.

#### FLEETS ALIBI

Union spokesmen charge that the fleet owners have raised a cry of "inability" to pay the small commission increase asked by the union, using fictitious reasons for their alleged inability.

General organizer Horie announced that the union is prepared to take "drastic steps" if necessary and has ordered the Wage Scale and General Strike Committee, composed of 200 unionists, to convene tonight.

Horie also announced that mass membership meetings of the taxi unionists will be held on Thursday morning, at 2 A.M. for the night drivers, and Thursday 8 P.M. for day drivers.

At that time, the union is expected to demand an immediate settlement of the issues, or prepare for a walkout.

Chairman, Rockwell Kent, President United American Artists, Admission Free. Lecture illustrated with slides.

Newark, N. J.

HARRY GANNON, Foreign Editor, Daily Worker—Lectures on "The Second World War," Wednesday Evening, April 26th, 8:30 P.M. Executive Home, 179 Clinton Ave. Admission 25¢.

SWING-SWAY—Hot Orchestra, Celebrate May-Day YCL Way, Y.M.H.C., 214 Clinton Ave., Saturday, April 29th, Tickets 40¢.

Philadelphia, Pa.

TAG REVUE—Friday, April 28th, Academy Music, Tickets 50¢ to \$1.75. Nearly Sold Out—Buy tickets at Once! Friends Lincoln Brigade, 1011 Chestnut.

School Registration

LEARN BALLROOM DANCING—Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced, Dance Group. The recognized school for workers. New private, class lessons. Walls, Fox-Trot, Tango, etc. Low Rates. 114 West 14th St. (10th Ave.), CH. 2-9118, Palais.

## Co. Unions Raise Fake 'Unity' Cry

### Writer Says TWU Wants Real United Front with Drivers

By the Spark

Let's examine the records of the company union leaders who have raised the demagogic cry for a "united front" in the taxi industry recently.

The Weinrib, Vosks, Butlers and their henchmen were inside the Transport Workers Union last year and it was these very persons who then raised the slogan for "autonomy" which led to the split last January in the 71st Regiment Armory.

Moreover, these men, while officials of the T.W.U., refused to enforce the contract then in operation between the owners and the Transport Workers Union. They encouraged the kickback to the bosses, they echoed the boss inspired complaints in regard to dues. They connived at all times against the leadership of the T.W.U. and thus themselves spread confusion among the hackies in the garages where they were shop stewards.

Some of them like Sol (Blubber) Russak didn't and still don't drive a cab. What's his source of income?

CAUSE JANUARY SPLIT

Have strikebreakers and out right stooges the right to plead for a "united front"? Butler scabbed in the January General Strike. Should any honest trade unionist sit down with Frenchy Roach and Joe Frankel who arranged for that bosses banquet at \$2.50 a plate?

Any so-called labor leaders who wine and dine with fleet owners become immediately open to suspicion.

In weighing this plea for a "united front" in taxi, not the phonies but the rank and file in the company union garages must be considered.

The tactic now used by the bosses is behind this call. They realize their stooges are useless to them as they are, isolated from the mainstream of taxi drivers and maintenance men within the Transport Workers Union. The bosses want a return to the situation as it existed last year, when their stooges were still parasites within the T.W.U. Therefore there cannot be a "united front" with these connivers, strikebreakers and sellout artists.

But only there must be unity among all bona fide hackies and maintenance men. Those of us in the company controlled garages are working among the men to bring about the election of rank and file committees to confer with the leadership of the Transport Workers Union on the possibilities of a genuine united front in taxi that is the whole hearted desire of every honest hackie and not for a boss-inspired united front.

Weekly Wage Is \$18, Needs \$30, Cabman Writes

To the Editor:—I hack Tudor City. My average earnings are \$18 a week. I live in the Williamsburg Housing Project with my wife and kid. The three and a half room apartment sets me back \$5.50 weekly with another dollar for electricity. Which leaves us \$11.50 for food, clothes, doctor bills, insurance, and furniture. So it don't take a Congressional investigation to show you I'm in the red every week.

Sure, we have all improvements where we live: refrigerator, incinerator, bath, but no shower, electric range and no worry about the place being a fire trap. Only one Negro family lives in the project proving the rent is still too high.

Another thing, I was lucky enough to know someone who knew someone, so I got an apartment, but it doesn't take a prophet to tell you the City needs many more of these housing projects before all cab drivers will be able to have decent homes.

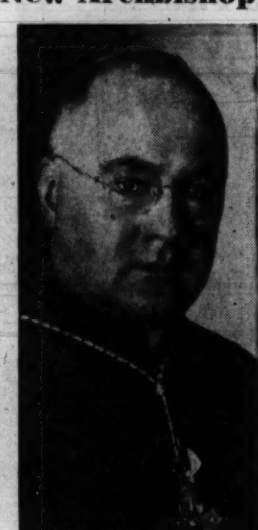
#### NEEDS \$30 A WEEK

My wife and I figured out how much I had to make to clear our expenses comfortably. Thirty dollars was the smallest possible figure we could cut it down to and still permit ourselves to live, not in the fashion we are accustomed to, but in the fashion which we deserve.

That's a 66 two-third percent increase above our present income! Where's that raise going to come from? Well, I know I can't get it alone, but I also know that the taxi industry can pay this living wage to its workers. That's why, first of all, I'm a member of the Transport Workers Union. Our leadership has laid out a program which will bring me that \$30 each week by bringing us a rise in the commission rate, limitation of the number of cabs and through legislation bringing about regulation.

The T. W. U. medical plan has lifted one load from my back. When the union can afford to extend the plan to my family I won't have the headache I had last week when my kid had tonsillitis.

## New Archbishop



THE RT. REV. FRANCIS J. SPELLMAN, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, who was yesterday announced as the successor to the late Patrick Cardinal Hayes as head of the Archdiocese of New York.

## 500 Picket WPA to Halt Mass Firings

### Back Washington Delegation Protesting Ban on Appeal Right

Five hundred dismissed WPA workers yesterday picketed Workers Progress Administration offices at 70 Columbus Ave., in protest against dismissals and the ban on the right to appeal firings issued by the New York administration.

After an hour of picketing, the demonstrators held a meeting on the 62nd Street corner facing the WPA building.

They were addressed by Madeline Gilmore, manager of WPA teachers, Local 453 of the A. F. of L., Willis Morgan, President of the New York Workers Alliance and Thomas Quinn, executive secretary of the United American Artists, Local 60 of the CIO's office union.

The demonstration was under the auspices of the three organizations. Meanwhile at Washington, a committee of 27, representing the three organizations, was taking the protest to WPA officials and members of Congress.

One of those the committee planned to interview was Senator Byrnes of North Carolina, whose relief reorganization bill is seen as a menace to the interests of unemployed. One of the signs carried in the picket line read, "Burn the Byrnes Bill."

THREE REASONS

Mrs. Fitch gave three reasons to show why the war in China is "our war." These were:

"1. It is our war because we claim to be on the side of democracy, and in China we have the largest number of people in any country on the face of the earth—450 millions of them—who want to stand for democracy—and we are helping their enemies to destroy them."

"2. It's our war also because Japan is ruining our best potential market of the future. She is ruining her own best market too, by destroying China's purchasing power."

"3. In the third place, it's our war because we are Japan's largest partner furnishing 54.4 per cent of all raw materials and finished products which Japan needs to carry on her aggression."

Providing the committee with a breakdown of this total, she said that we provide 91 per cent of the trucks and autos used in the invasion of China, 93 per cent of the copper, 60 per cent of the oil, 41 per cent of the pig iron, 60 per cent of other iron including scrap, 48 per cent of machinery and engines and 100 per cent of high-octane gasoline.

'Perfect' Wing Said to Heighten Air Speed

LOS ANGELES, April 24 (UP):—"The perfect airplane wing" was claimed today by David R. Davis, veteran aeronautical designer and former partner of Donald Douglas, airplane builder.

Jefferson Day Dinners

IN A HUDDLE at the Jefferson Day Democratic Party dinner held in New York are (left to right) Senator Robert F. Wagner, Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace and Postmaster General James A. Farley.

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## U. S. Senators Applaud Appeal For China Aid

### YMCA Secretary's Wife Hits American Industrialists

(Continued from Page 1)

General Hugh S. Johnson, boomed away in a wise-cracking attack against any moves designed to halt fascist aggression either in Europe or Asia.

JOHNSON AGAIN

Following up his advice to Hitler last week, General Johnson today acted as an unofficial spokesman by warning that if the United States should "attempt for any reason to discipline a belligerent nation by economic strictures, we have committed an act of war against her."

With some fancy arithmetic based on lumping the Soviet Union and the countries of Latin America together as "dictatorships," he figured out that should there be an anti-fascist alliance there would "be 23 dictatorships on our side against three on the other."

Johnson vigorously opposed the President's foreign policy but did not neglect to take some cracks at the New Deal's domestic policy as "collectivism."

After repeating a number of times that his only interest was keeping America out of war, he indicated that he was also greatly interested in taking no step which would hinder American war trade with all belligerents including the fascist countries.

WANTS "COMBAT ZONES"

Even the Pittman cash and carry bill which permits trade with both sides, he criticized as too restrictive and urged a system of "combat zones" in case of war with American merchants having the right to trade with all warring nations indiscriminately "at their own risk."

Mrs. Fitch declared she was "not afraid of the eventual outcome" of China's resistance against Japan. She cited a statement by Chiang Kai-shek to the effect that "Japan has lost the war. China as yet not won it."

"Those 'who work to stop the war in the Far East are working for the double good of the people of China and of the people of Japan, and—with expediency and self-interest, fortunately, on the side of right—for the best interests of America as well."

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## 'Safest Ship' Arrives



10,000-TON S.S. PANAMA, first ship built under the latest safety-at-sea laws as she steamed up New York harbor on arrival from Quincy, Mass., where she was built. The \$4,000,000 vessel, to be placed in service between New York and the Isthmus, is sinkproof and fireproof.

## NMU Asks Hopkins Probe U.S. Ratings For Tanker Scabs

### Union Says Standard Oil Has Easy Time Getting A. B. Fireman, Oiler Certificates for Imported Strikebreakers; 76 Ships Struck; 13 Sail

The National Maritime Union yesterday asked Secretary of Commerce Harry L. Hopkins to investigate the issuance of seamen's certificates to non-seamen being rounded up by Standard Oil for strikebreaking.

In a telegram to Hopkins, Joseph Curran, NMU president, said:

"Certificates for seamen now being issued by the hundreds behind closed doors to non-seamen for the purpose of providing strikebreakers for oil companies."

"National Maritime Union requests immediate investigation of these flagrant violations of all safety-at-sea measures."

Curran said later that Standard Oil of New Jersey was rounding up scabs by the bus-load in Connecticut and Massachusetts and bringing them to Rockefeller Center.

GET CERTIFICATES

Some, he said, were receiving certificates there. Others are sent down to the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, he said, where they are taken care of.

Curran pointed out that the law requires six "able-bodied" seamen, three firemen and three oilers for a vessel the size of a tanker.

To qualify for these ratings, a seaman must have spent at least one year at sea in some lower capacity and must have taken an examination for the grade.

The union also sent a telegram to Mayor LaGuardia and Police Commissioner Valentine protesting against the use of City police to escort scabs through the streets to Standard Oil piers in Staten Island.

The police, the wire said, were abetting violation of the Byrnes Anti-Strikebreaking law.

Eight more tankers were struck yesterday bringing the total to 76 on the Atlantic and Gulf coast. Of the 76, 13 have sailed with scabs.

Those struck yesterday were in New York, Baltimore and Charleston, S. C.

An American Federation of Labor union came to the aid of the NMU, affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The Gas Attendants Union, Federal Local 20,408, joined with seamen to picket 14 filling stations in Brooklyn operated by American Gas Stations, Inc.

G-Men Hunt Bandits Who Stole Automobile, Kidnaped 'Host'

LAWRENCE, Kans., April 24 (UP)—G-men aided Kansas and Missouri authorities today in a search for three young bandits who held Farmer Louis Had's family prisoners while they cooked and ate a breakfast of bacon and eggs, bathed themselves, then stole Had's car and kidnaped him and his son, Robert, 18.

ATTENTION

All Party branches and mass organizations are reminded that greetings for the special May Day-World's Fair Edition of the Sunday Worker (April 30) must reach the office of the Daily Worker not later than Thursday, April 27. Address all greetings to the Daily Worker, 50 East 13th Street, New York City.



# 200 ILGWU Shop Chairmen Call for United May Day Support

## Negro Arts To Keynote 2-Day Talks

Harlem Conference to Be Held May 5 and 6 on Cultural Theme

By Eugene Gordon  
"Negro Culture Faces the World of Tomorrow" is the theme of a two-day conference scheduled for May 6th and 7th at the W.P.A. Harlem Community Art Center, 290 Lenox Ave., and in the auditorium of Public School No. 136, St. Nicholas Ave. and 138th St. Mrs. Louise Johnson, chairman of the sponsoring committee, announced yesterday.

The morning and afternoon sessions on May 6th and the afternoon session on the 7th will be held in the art center. The evening session on May 7th will be held in the school auditorium.

The aims of the conference are declared to be three-fold:  
"To consider what the Federal Art Projects have meant in general to the people of the United States, and specifically to consider to what extent Negroes have benefited from the Federal Art Projects both economically and culturally."

"To arouse community support in maintaining and extending the existing facilities for employment among Negroes in the cultural fields and to urge the continuance of the Federal Arts Projects as the largest single employer of Negroes in all the arts."

"To explore the need for a co-ordinating body of Harlem citizens and organizations that will interest itself in sustaining and widening cultural horizons for Negro men, women and children; through stimulating use of already existing facilities in the arts; through research to determine the cultural needs of the community; through campaigns against distorted and prejudiced versions of the Negro's role in building the United States and its culture and through the presentation of "ans to extend the Negro's opportunities in the cultural fields, thus presenting him in his proper light as an integral part of the fabric of American life and culture."

**DR. LOCKE TO SPEAK**  
The first session of the conference, at 11 A.M., May 6th, will "like the keynote" Dr. Alain L. Locke, professor of philosophy at Howard University and an authority on Negro culture in the United States, will be the chief speaker. Miss Gwendolyn Bennett, head of the Harlem Community Art Center, also will speak.

At the second session, at 2:30 the same afternoon, there will be panel discussions in literature and art, with leading Negro and white authors and artists leading the discussions. The program for the afternoon of May 7th will comprise discussion of the theatre, the dance and music likewise, with authorities in these fields. The evening program of May 7th features prominent speakers and entertainment.

The Harlem Community Cultural Conference is sponsored by the following well known persons: Gwendolyn Bennett, Sterling Brown, Warren Cochrane, Countee Cullen, W. C. Handy, Langston Hughes, Louise H. Johnson, Lorenzo H. King, Alain Leroy Locke, A. Philip Randolph, Edna Thomas, Channing Tobias, Harcourt Tynes, Richard Wright and Max Yergan.

The following organizations sponsor the conference: Association for the Study of Negro Life and History; Consumers and Craftsmen's Guild, Inc.; Federal Arts Council; Harlem Artists Guild; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; National Negro Congress; Negro Actors Guild; New Theatre League; New York Urban League; Public Use of Arts Committee; Theatre Arts Committee; United American Artists.

## Long Vigil



SUFFERING from measles, Marie Anderson, 6, kept four-day lonely vigil beside mother's dead body, in Wilmington, Cal. "I couldn't leave Mom," she said.

## UMWA Counsel Attacked in Ky. By Operator

Miners' Attorney Saved by Members of Union

LEXINGTON, April 24.—John Y. Brown, general counsel for District No. 30 United Mine Workers of America, and candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, was attacked yesterday by deputies of Sheriff Joe Pence of Jackson County.

The incident occurred in the office of County Judge H. N. Isaacs at McKee, where Brown was attempting to obtain the release of Frank Hall and Ted Clark, union organizers charged with kidnapping and other offenses.

Young Brown as well as several other union men, including E. L. Baker, district representative of the UMWA, were tough handled and manacled by guns in the hands of Sheriff Pence's deputies.

The quick action of one of the union men in stepping between Brown and the deputies guns is believed to have saved him. John Y. Brown branded the entire affair as an attempt on the part of Sheriff Pence, who is himself a coal operator, to "break up union activities" and halt organization of the non-union field in the Sand Gap territory.

John Y. Brown, progressive New Dealer, has been dividing his time between defending Union members and organizers, and campaigning for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

He is supported by organized labor, and all the progressive forces who secured the election of Senator Alben W. Barkley, senate majority leader.

He is a former member of Congress and Speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives. His platform is the most progressive ever offered in Kentucky and if carried into effect would place Kentucky in the ranks of the foremost progressive states. His election is being bitterly opposed by the big landowners, the coal operators and all the forces of reaction.

## Hosiery Workers Union Petition in Apex Case Denied

PHILADELPHIA, April 24 (UP).—Federal Judge William H. Kirkpatrick today denied motions by the American Federation of Hosiery Workers to set aside a \$711,932 damage award to the Apex Hosiery Company against the union and for a new trial of the suit which resulted from a 48-day sit-down strike at the apex plant in 1937.

The company originally had sued for \$3,515,872 in triple damage allegedly resulting from the strike. The jury hearing the case returned a verdict for \$711,932 against the Congress of Industrial Organizations affiliate and its president, William Leader. The triple damages were provided under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

## C.I.O. Council Backs Lehman Fight on Cuts

Urges Mobilization of All Progressives Against Tories

The New York State Industrial Union Council yesterday announced full support to Governor Lehman's budget, charging that proposed Republican cuts mean a "heartless, unpatriotic attack on vital social services."

The CIO council, through Allan S. Haywood, president, and Gustave Strebel, secretary-treasurer, in a wire to the Governor, urged him to mobilize "all progressives in the state" to fight the threatened cuts. The CIO suggested a conference to rally progressives against the tory-republican program.

The wire to the Governor, copies of which were sent to George L. Thompson, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Abbot Law Moffatt, chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, read: "The New York State Industrial Union Council, representing 700,000 organized workers, strongly approves your stand opposing any reduction in the proposed budget of the state."

"We are convinced the budget as presented to legislators covers the barest necessary expenditure for the welfare of the state. Any cut would impair vital necessary services and due irreparable harm to the citizens of the state, particularly the workers."

"We commend your position and further urge upon you the desirability of mobilizing all the progressives in the state in fighting reactionaries in their heartless, unpatriotic attack on education, health, department of labor and other essentials of social requirements in the interest of their private greed and backroom politics."

"We pledge our full participation in any such conference if and when called by you."

## Ellenstein Graft Trial Postponed, Juror Stricken

NEWARK, N. J., April 24 (UP).—Retrial of Mayer Meyer C. Ellenstein and eight others on charges of conspiracy to defraud the city in a land transaction probably will be delayed until fall, it was announced today after the trial had ended in a mistrial because of a juror's illness.

It had required 14 weeks and the jury had been deliberating almost two days when juror Michael F. Derosa was stricken with appendicitis. It was disclosed that the juror had stood 10 to 12 for conviction of all defendants except Frank A. Boettner, former corporation counsel. In his case the vote was 10 to two for acquittal.

## Drought Peril Added to Insect Trouble in Cal.

FRESNO, Cal., April 24 (UP).—High temperatures and the arrival of summer six weeks ahead of schedule added the danger of drought today to the crops of San Joaquin Valley farmers weary from fighting an unprecedented infestation of grasshoppers.

Poison barn mash spread in the path of millions of hoppers moving south along a 200-mile strip of western Fresno County appeared to have halted the invading hordes at least temporarily.

The insects were in 4,000 acres of cotton, flax and barley in the Pleasant Valley area southwest of Coalinga. Other hordes were reported in the Kern Lake District of Kern County, in Kings County and other San Joaquin Valley points.

Temperatures were high above normal for this time of the year. The snowpack in the Sierra was reported 50 per cent deficient and decreasing rapidly. Experts previously have predicted a drought in California this year and there were indications it had started.

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## Civil War Vet Becomes Citizen



91-YEAR-OLD James Quigley of Chicago, who came to the U. S. in 1861 from Scotland and served in the Union Army, receives papers making him an American citizen. He did not discover he wasn't a citizen until he applied for a pension last year.

## Wages-Hour Test Wins 100% of Court Verdicts

Andrews Cites Victories Against Violators in Court Actions During Past 6 Months; \$15,000 Fine Against Mfg. Most Severe

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Court decisions on cases instituted by, or in behalf of, the Wage and Hour Division of the U. S. Department of Labor continue to be 100 per cent in favor of the government.

Administrator Elmer F. Andrews announced today, as the first six months' operation of the law ends. In all, 14 civil suits and five criminal actions have been instituted by the Wage and Hour Division or, at its request, by the U. S. Department of Justice. Of these, seven injunctions have been granted; four employers have pleaded guilty and fines aggregating \$31,500 have been imposed against them. Six civil suits and one criminal case are now pending.

As the most severe penalty imposed in a criminal case, Administrator Andrews cited the \$15,000 fine imposed on April 10 against Nathaniel Breath, executive vice-president of Picardy Mills, Inc., largest New York manufacturer of gloves, for failure to pay the minimum wage and time and one-half for overtime, and for falsifying records to conceal underpayment.

Sportswear Hosiery Mills, Inc., of Philadelphia, agreed to an injunction which prohibits the corporation from attempting to evade the minimum wage provisions of the Act by maintaining a "trade school" at its Etowah, Tenn., plant.

**GRANTED INJUNCTION**  
An injunction permanently restraining the shipment in interstate commerce of 2,500,000 board feet of lumber and more than 1,000 railroad cross-ties was granted the Wage and Hour Division against the Walton Lumber Company and H. H. Walton, owner and operator, of Pendleton, Va.

Earlier, Max and Maurice Merzky, officers of the Bay Shoe Company of Lewiston, Me., pleaded guilty to a criminal information charging them with violation of the law and falsification of records to conceal the violation.

A criminal information containing 21 counts is pending against the Crown Trousers Company in the Federal Court at Scranton, Pa.

Other civil actions being by the Legal Branch of the Wage and Hour Division include one against the G. W. Wade Company of Aurora, Ill., dress manufacturers charged with paying some of their 125 employees less than the minimum wage of 25 cents an hour and falsification and destruction of records to conceal the fact.

On March 28 suit was filed against the Rapaport Brothers of 710 West Ohio St., Chicago, manufacturers and assemblers of toys, charging them with violation of the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Act.

Another action for an injunction was filed against Leon J. Mogel, doing business under the name of East Shore Hosiery Mills, at Berlin, Md.

The first injunction under the

## Phila. May Day Group Opposes Anti-Alien Bill

Sends Delegation to Harrisburg to Ask Hearings

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.—Delegates from more than 200 organizations affiliated to the United May Day Committee today elected a delegation of trade-unionists to go to Harrisburg and present before the State Legislature the legislative program of the May Day organizations which are conducting a United May Day Demonstration at Reynolds Plaza, May 1, 1 P.M.

The delegation left today. It consists of Murray Blinder, Organizer of the United Retail Clerks, Local 114, George Sports, representing the Executive Board of the Workers Alliance and Joseph Schaeffer, representing the Philadelphia District of the United Shoe Workers of America, CIO.

The 200 delegates present at the Conference instructed the delegation to demand an open hearing on the Alien-Registration Bill.

The Conference pointed out that this bill is an anti-labor measure because it forces registration of not only all aliens but of all citizens who must prove that they are not aliens.

The Conference also instructed its delegation to visit the chairman of the Welfare Committee and demand an open hearing on the relief-cutting Van Alstede Bill which proposes to return relief over to the county boards and provides that relief clients return their relief money after they have secured employment.

## Noted Writers Back Fight for Art Projects

38 Write Congress That Attack on WPA Is Democratic Peril

Urging support of the Federal Arts Projects, thirty-eight prominent writers, including Archibald MacLeish, Louis Bromfield, Dashiell Hammett, John Steinbeck, and Paul de Kruif today made public a letter to all Senators and all members of the House or Representatives.

"It is now apparent" the letter stated, "that opponents of the present relief policy of the administration intend to center their attack on the Federal Arts Projects."

Referring to legislation now being considered in Congress, the letter stated that the attack on the Federal Arts Projects "involves a critical and central battle in the struggle to defend democracy against the greatest and most imminent danger it has ever faced."

After paying tribute to the achievements of the Arts Projects in supplying "A richer and more civilized life" to American citizens, the letter concludes:

"We believe that those of the people's representatives in Congress who are truly concerned with the defense of democracy will wish to continue and increase the work of the Federal Arts Projects. They can count on the active support not only of ourselves but of the League of American Writers for which we act."

Those who signed the letter were: Sherwood Anderson, Louis Bromfield, Van Wyck Brooks, Katherine Garrison Chaplin, Lester Cohen, Countee Cullen, Malcolm Cowley, Muriel Draper, Henry Pratt Fairchild, Dashiell Hammett, Lillian Hellman, DuBoise Heyward, Paul de Kruif, Arthur Kober, Louis Kronenberger, Oliver La Farge, Alain Locke, Helen Merrell Lynd, Albert Maltz, Karl Menninger, Clyde R. Miller, Lewis Mumford, Harvey O'Connor, S. J. Perelman, Lorine Pruette, Vida D. Scudder, Irwin Shaw, Upton Sinclair, John Steinbeck, Donald Ogden Stewart, Louis Untermeyer, Jean Starr Untermeyer, Carl Van Doren, Mary Heaton Vorse, Thornton Wilder, William Carlos Williams, and Richard Wright.

## Guard Son of Woman in Death Syndicate Trial

PHILADELPHIA, April 24 (UP).—The 24-year-old son of Mrs. Carina Favato was closely guarded today to prevent surviving members of a huge murder-for-hire syndicate from taking vengeance through him on the woman who has agreed to reveal the fantastic machinations of the ring.

Mrs. Favato halted her murder trial dramatically Friday by pleading guilty to the arsenic deaths of her stepson, Philip Ingrao, 17, her common-law husband, Charles Favato, and Giuseppe Di Martino. Whether she will be sentenced to death in the electric chair or life imprisonment will be determined by a three-judge court, and it was indicated that her fate could depend on her "cooperation" with authorities.

## Urge Membership to March; Five Spanish Groups Back Parade

Garment Workers Turnout to Be 4-Times Greater Than Last Year Predicted; Spanish Societies Back Call to 'Reconquer Spain for Democracy'

Two hundred shop chairmen of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union have issued a call to the entire union membership to participate in the United May Day demonstration, David Leeds, director of the United May Day Committee, announced yesterday.

The announcement attracted attention because the I.L.G.W.U. is an organization has not as yet accepted the invitation of the May Day Committee to participate officially in the parade.

Last year, although the union did not officially take part in the May Day parade, Mr. Leeds pointed out that the "unofficial" participants among I.L.G.W.U. members were so numerous that their contingent took more than a half hour to pass a given point in the parade.

Because the number of I.L.G.W.U. shop chairmen who last year got together and issued a call to the membership to take part in the May Day parade numbered only 50, Mr. Leeds predicted that the union's turnout this year would be much greater.

"If my study of mathematics has not been in vain," he declared, "I would figure from the participation I am aware of that we will have four times as many I.L.G.W.U. workers in our parade than we had last year. We are therefore making the necessary arrangements for a space in the parade for this contingent. The various 'unofficial' groups are too numerous to mention here. They

include Amalgamated Clothing Workers, printers, electricians, teachers, engineers, architects, lawyers, etc. Were their organizations to officially pledge participation, we could speak of an endorsement of more than a million persons for our parade."

**SPANISH GROUP BACKING**  
Mr. Leeds also announced that five leading Spanish Societies yesterday informed the Committee that they had called upon their entire membership and all other Spanish societies to join the May Day Parade.

The five societies, whose joint appeal was based upon a call to "reconquer Spain for democracy" and to build the "good neighbor" policy in Latin America, are Section Hispana del IWO, Comité del Demócrata, United Spanish Women, Club Obrero Espanol, and the Club Benefico Hispana del Bronx.

William Masevitch, president of Local 302, Cafeteria Workers Union, AFL, yesterday announced that more than 3,000 members of the union will appear in bright starched uniforms in the May Day parade. Led by the union's officials, Local 302's contingent will have two bands, a float and many colorful displays.

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## Sir Neville Henderson Back in Berlin

When Sir Neville Henderson, in indecent haste, returned to Berlin to resume his function as British ambassador, the press widely commented on his political peculiarities.

"A pronounced Germanophile," was the characterization of the Herald Tribune London correspondent, which can be correctly translated as "an adorer of the Nazis." "There is no question that the ambassador (Sir Neville) is a staunch supporter of the appeasement policy and he had been insisting on permission to return to Berlin," added the New York Times' London correspondent.

In short, Mr. Henderson returned in an effort to put over another Munich. But what a change has taken place in the world situation in which the British Munich gang now intends to operate!

The Soviet Union, world's bulwark of peace and greatest obstacle to fascist aggression, has won the support of the overwhelming majority of the British people who desire collective security; and it has gained the following of tens of millions more throughout the world who want genuine peace efforts.

Also blocking the path of the Munichers like an impassable mountain is President Roosevelt's peace message. Indeed, Mr. Henderson rushed to Berlin, it seems, to try to assist Hitler around this new mountainous obstacle.

In fact, Hitler's outright rejection of the President's peace proposal—as already made clear by his bullying of the little countries and his whipping of Yugoslavia into line—in itself makes it harder for Chamberlain to commit again the crime of Munich.

Delay by the Chamberlains and their stubborn resistance to Soviet Union and American proposals for preservation of peace lies behind Yugoslavia's yielding to the Rome-Berlin axis.

And now, renewal of "appeasement" maneuvers, unless scotched by an aroused people, will further assist the fascist aggressors. In a most malicious manner, the "appeasers" are working furiously and treacherously to endeavor to twist President Roosevelt's anti-aggression and peace-mobilizing message into an excuse for "negotiations" in the Munich manner.

But the exposed and discredited Munich gang will find it difficult to get away with a new sell-out. They will find it more difficult to get away with their aim of egging the fascist warmakers exclusively against the Soviet Union.

The world has been warned by the last Munich. The peoples are alarmed, aroused, vigilant. Not even Chamberlain has been able bluntly to reject the Soviet Union's inspiring collective security proposals. He has argued openly only that they were "premature." Nor will the "appeasers," in the face of an awakened people, be able to distort the powerfully plain and clear meaning of the President's peace message.

Needed now is an awareness of the revived Munich danger and a recognition of the forces which can overcome and defeat it. Then humanity can move more rapidly along the road of collective security towards realization of peace.

## General Washington Is Furious

General George Washington pulled into New York City yesterday to start his term as President. The Daily Worker correspondent rushed down to get an interview.

The General was in rare good humor. But it didn't last. Your correspondent showed him a copy of yesterday's Daily News editorial.

"What is your opinion of this statement?" we asked the General, and waited respectfully while he read it. He exploded into a snort of anger, shaking the Daily News at us.

"Why, this editorial dares to say, sir, that the American nation was founded in thievery and aggression, and that therefore Americans ought to condone thievery and aggression in foreign policy!"

"That, sir," barked the General on the table, "sounds like a bunch of Hessians and Tories to me right in your midst. I heard that iniquitous nonsense back in '76. This Daily News poppycock would turn our Declaration of Independence into an act of aggression against the British Kingdom."

"I thought we had rid ourselves of that wickedness after Yorktown," he roared.

"Yes," we said, trying to add something at this point. But, General Washington forgot his customary good manners and interrupted—

"Young man, please tell these Hessians and monarch-men to learn how to read my

Farewell Address the way I wrote it not the way they wanted me to write it. I am not the fool they make me out to be. I know a thing or two about using allies to win a battle for liberty. Their modern stuff is trumpery, brimstone and hog-swill."

And with that General Washington left for Fraunces' Tavern to cool off. The Daily News lay on the ground—in shreds.

## 'Anti-Alien' Drive— Menaces All Americans

Suppose you are a member of an organization, any organization. It desires to pass a resolution supporting President Roosevelt's Supreme Court plan or some other progressive New Deal measure like the reorganization bill (which has already passed with minor modifications). But upon learning that it has several foreign-born members who are Americans in every fundamental sense but have not yet completed the citizenship process—it decides not to adopt the resolution.

Why? It finds that the foreign-born members will be subject to deportation if the resolution is passed. Therefore, native-born Americans are thus restricted in their civil right to support progressive legislation, because they don't want their foreign-born members deported. The Bill of Rights—the pillar of democracy—is shaken, not only for the foreign-born but for all Americans.

Well, relax. It has not happened yet. But it would happen if the Dempsey bill became a law, and it has already passed the House. It provides deportation for any foreign-born person who belongs to an organization advocating "any change in the American form of government"—a term which could apply to almost any progressive legislation.

But the Dempsey bill is only one of a series of insidious un-American measures which are now hanging fire in Congress. They are intended to whip up a fascist atmosphere against the foreign-born, but as the Dempsey bill shows, they curb the basic liberties of native-born Americans as well.

## In Home, Church And Trade Union

There is not a home in America where the desire to keep America at peace does not burn strongly.

It is for this very reason that all peace-loving Americans will welcome the announcement that April 26 to May 3 has been chosen as "Peace and Security Week" by the American Union for Concerted Peace Efforts. "No aid to the aggressors" will be the outstanding slogan of this week's activities in home, club, church and civic organization throughout the land.

In announcing this week's work for America's peace, Dr. James Shotwell declares that the many peace organizations which stand behind it are convinced that "international aggression must be stopped, and economic justice among nations must be sought through peaceful means and not by threats or use of force."

For this reason the week will be devoted to giving organized expression to the people's support of President Roosevelt's peace plea, to impressing upon Congress the country's desire to use our economic power to halt aggression by embargo against aggressors, and for the basic revision or repeal of the un-neutral Neutrality Act.

## A Bright Star on the Horizon

The manifesto of some 2,391 outstanding educators and publicists declaring their determination to fight growing fascist influence in the schools and press, is one of the brightest stars to appear on the democratic horizon. It said in part:

"If we are really to be 'one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all' our schools must provide liberty and justice for all, without discrimination on account of poverty, sex, race, or religion."

"Our schools, press, and radio must present the facts, and the truth behind the facts, about our history and traditions, about the world in which we live, about race and culture, without fear or malice, without suppression or distortion."

"Fascism openly despises and, of necessity, suppresses the truth."

Such a clean-cut statement in behalf of democracy cannot help enlisting the applause and support of all Americans. It will help rally opposition to the Republican and Democratic anti-New Dealers who either wish to "economize" the schools out of existence, or use them as poison sacs against American democracy, or both.

## Crocodile Tears

It was a pathetic spectacle to see Senator Burke all choked up over the plight of old workers.

Speaking in behalf of his amendments to mutilate the Wagner Act, Burke insisted that it was necessary to give protection to the worker "who has been honestly working for years" and who has not joined the union.

Since when has the National Association of Manufacturers, for whom Burke has introduced his amendments, been worried about protecting the jobs of old workers?

Everybody knows that no matter how "honestly," no matter for how many years a man has worked, when he reaches the age of 40 the chances are he is callously thrown out into the streets—unless there is a strong union, protected by the Wagner Labor Act, to defend his job and his seniority rights.

## SPAIN FEELS THE LASH

by Ellis



NEWS ITEM: Franco restores wealth to ex-King Alfonso of Spain.

## The Mayor's Opposition to Byrnes Bill Reflects Sentiment of Country at Large

Mayor LaGuardia will certainly receive the backing of the general public in his condemnation of the Byrnes Public Works Bill now before the U. S. Senate.

This tricky measure is designed to drastically curtail the WPA which has alleviated the effects of the economic crisis, at the same time that it has produced greatly needed public improvements.

It is true that the bill proposes merging all the federal relief agencies. Such a move in itself would be very good. In fact, some of the Tories, like Senator O'Mahoney, who want to see all relief turned over to the mercy of the localities at once, oppose this section of the Byrnes Bill. But neither this good feature of the measure nor the opposition to it by some of the Tories, can conceal the fact that the bill, as a whole, is highly dangerous. In fact, it is a long step toward the complete abandonment of federal relief, for which the Tories are howling.

One method by which the Byrnes Bill would swing the axe upon the present WPA program is by making the cities increase their share of the cost to 30 per cent. In 1938, the WPA program in this city amounted to \$183,000,000, of which the city put up the considerable sum of \$30,000,000. But under the Byrnes Bill a program of the same size would require the city to contribute \$60,000,000. Finances are already at a breaking point in the municipalities throughout the country. By increasing the cost to the localities, it is obvious that the Byrnes Bill would result in a large part of the projects being abandoned altogether.

Hardest hit would be the white collar projects. Under the original Byrnes Bill, these important projects, with their valuable contribution to American art, literature, music and theatre, would have been destroyed outright. To meet the tremendous protest

which rose against this proposal, the Byrnes Bill now craftily "provides" for the white collar projects by making the localities sponsor them and pay 30 per cent of their cost. In the past, these projects have been sponsored by the federal government which has assumed almost their entire cost. The Byrnes Bill would practically seal their death warrant.

Another method by which the Byrnes Bill would undermine the WPA is through a new way of allocating work relief funds. According to this ingenious proposal, the proportion that the South now gets out of the total fund would be drastically increased. But the only way this could be done without taking federal funds away from the rest of the country, would be if the total appropriation were greatly increased over what it is now. However, Senator Byrnes, himself, and other sponsors of the bill are the very ones who have been fighting to slash—let alone maintain—the present WPA appropriation. It is obvious that their purpose, therefore, is not to increase WPA standards in the South—but to depress the standards of the rest of the country toward the low level which they have already foisted upon the Southern states.

With economic production continuing to fall, the need of the hour is not a curtailed, but a sharply increased public works program to place buying power in millions of hands.

Urge your Senators to kill the Byrnes Bill and, instead, to restore the \$50,000,000 cut from this year's WPA appropriation and to fight for the Workers Alliance proposal of a \$2,750,000 relief program for 1940—for three million jobs with a 20 per cent wage increase. If there is to be economic recovery, the federal government must provide work for all the able-bodied unemployed so long as private industry is unable or unwilling to absorb them.

## The Telegram Tries a Cold-Blooded One

The World-Telegram appears to be all mixed up as to whose voice is to be listened to and whose "to be discounted" with reference to the state budget proposals of the Republicans. But it is only a transparent pretense.

The facts are that the people are now beginning to make themselves heard against the Republican proposals which are calculated to set the whole state back many years. Today the New York City Committee of Teachers Organizations heads a delegation of parents to Albany to protest the outrageous proposal to cut schools \$9,710,000. And not only the people immediately affected, but all sections of the population are beginning to raise their voices against the proposed cuts (of \$31,000,000) into the social welfare, highway, labor, health, and other state social service departments.

The only rise that all this gets from yes-

terday's Telegram editorial is a cold-blooded statement that "most of these . . . can be . . . largely discounted." Such contemptuous regard for the needs of the people by the Telegram is no longer surprising. Its readers have watched it become one of the most pernicious anti-New Deal, anti-labor papers in the city. Its liberalism has worn so thin that its reactionary essence is plainly visible to all.

The Telegram only makes clearer that its own voice is to be, not merely largely, but completely discounted. For its voice is a cross between the Tory Republicans who proposed the monstrous budget, and their Tammanyite accomplices. More such delegations as that of the teachers, parents and pupils today—who really represent the people—will convince the State legislature of this undeniable fact.

## Letters From Our Readers

### Clip, Show D.W. Articles To Non-Subscribers

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

A few months ago—when the new Sunday Worker came out, I wrote a letter commending the improvement in the Sunday Worker.

Now, I want to add that the Daily Worker, through its special articles on current topics on the editorial page, are very helpful to the people and should be read, clipped and shown to people who do not read the "Daily."

I would also like to commend Harry Gannes for his excellent interpretation of world news.

For an improved Daily and Sunday Worker.

MAURICE PHILLIPS.

### Another Aspect of World's Fair Discrimination—

Editor, Daily Worker:

May I call your attention to another aspect of the discrimination practiced by Grover Whalen in select-

ing personnel for the World's Fair.

Hundreds of applications for the job of "guide" have been sent in by students of the City Colleges. Many had excellent records and the highest qualifications. In addition they needed the job very badly. Not one student got the job.

However, I know quite a few students of St. Johns College and Fordham who have received notices "to appear for an interview."

Obviously Mr. Whalen has heard of the progressive character of the students at our city colleges. His innate fear of "radicals" has caused him to completely ignore the needs of these students. I am not a student at City College, but these are the facts. Is it possible to organize a demonstration of these hundreds of students to protest this vicious policy of Grover Whalen?

PHILIP MACKLER.

### 'School for Barbarians'—

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Hitler consciously educates German youth in his way of thinking by telling them: any lie is good that

## World Front

By  
HARRY GANNES

Manipulation of the Munich Gang  
Behind Chamberlain Seen in  
Sir Neville Berlin Pilgrimage

The shocking truth is out at last. The Chamberlain gang is making a desperate attempt to revive the "appeasement" policy and create another Munich.

That is the essential, the sole and basic meaning of Sir Neville Henderson's return to Berlin to resume his functions as agent of the British Munichers at Hitler's beck and call.

Official denials notwithstanding, Henderson's haste to reach Berlin before Hitler pronounces his Reichstag reply to President Roosevelt's peace message, is to exert as much British influence as possible to make that Nazi response the opening for a new Munich try.

The same old Munich gang is behind the present Henderson move. During the Munich days last September and October—and long before—it was impossible to distinguish whether Sir Neville was Chamberlain's diplomatic agent or the office boy of Hitler's Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop. His functions dovetailed so perfectly into the needs of both Berlin and No. 10 Downing St.

The ominous name of Sir Horace Wilson has again arisen in connection with Henderson's sensational Berlin pilgrimage. Sir Horace, if you recall your newspaper stories, was Chamberlain's behind-the-scenes man who worked out all the details of Munich, including the reported radio tears of the British Tory Premier and his play-acting eleven-hour receipt of an appeal from Hitler for a tete-a-tete which led to the Munich monstrosity.

This implies that the whole Cliveden cabal, all of the pro-Nazi intrigues behind Chamberlain, are feverishly active to present the world with a new treachery and a greater war danger.

Sir Neville, in no small sense, is the barometer which indicates the rise and fall of the "appeasement" policy. His trip to Berlin indicates a mounting danger in this regard.

But the new Munich maneuvers are taking place under vastly different historical conditions from September-October, 1938. The world is deeply disgusted with the Munich consequences. The Chamberlains and Daladier are under heavy suspicion. The British and French people are gravely aroused over the dangers that Munich brought them.

However, these new and gigantic obstacles condition the ways in which the Munichers will attempt to scheme another betrayal.

Thus, we can say that Henderson's return to Berlin is intended to aid Hitler overcome the two greatest obstacles to "appeasement" that exist today. These are (1) the Soviet Union's collective peace security proposals which the Chamberlains find even harder to dodge while the people ever more insistently demand to be accepted; (2) President Roosevelt's peace message which has put the fascist dictators on the spot and has served to rally the peace forces of the world.

Henderson, who arrived in Berlin with a secret Chamberlain message, is, no doubt, instructed to make desperate efforts to guide Hitler around the rising obstacles and lead him into new Munich pathways before it is too late.

One may ask: "Has Chamberlain ever changed his Munich policy? Or, has he just shifted his tactics to overcome the huge stumbling blocks placed in his way after Hitler's failure originally to carry out the Munich plans of attack against the Soviet Union?"

In an address Dec. 13, 1938, whose sense no subsequent actions have changed, Chamberlain himself applied the answers to these questions. Speaking at a Foreign Press Association dinner in London then, the Tory Prime Minister in the course of his speech, said: "My aim has been consistently the same from beginning to end. . . . As long as I am where I am, I will never leave off trying (he means trying to "appease" fascism—H.G.)."

These are, no doubt, his guiding maxims. Even if constrained to make some sort of moves that would tend to block fascism, Chamberlain would do so only under compulsion, awaiting the moment when he could try to ditch them and resume his chief Munich purpose—instigating fascism eastward, against the U. S. S. R.

A revealing analysis of Mr. Chamberlain's policies, under all circumstances, was contained in the cable by Harry Pollitt, Secretary of the Communist Party of Great Britain, published in the Sunday Worker of April 22.

Of Chamberlain, Harry Pollitt wrote:

"We must be under no illusions regarding Chamberlain's basic policy. He is not any new champion of collective security. He remains a faithful servant of a small group of monopoly capitalists who gaze with envy on the destruction of democracy and the labor organizations which fascism has brought about in Germany and Italy."

"The defeat of Chamberlain remains the most essential task in the struggle to preserve peace."

The present "appeasement" efforts are nothing short of another incitement of fascism to further aggressions.

Chamberlain's maneuver is intended to give Hitler hope and breathing space, to stall the realization of collective security, to attempt craftily to overcome the profound peace force of the President's message, and to aid the isolationist "appeasement" friends and allies of fascism in the United States.

But Munich and its works have become such an abomination to the majority of mankind that he who favors their re-enactment courts annihilating condemnation of all who genuinely wish and work for peace.

helps Germany. The "Turner," the Nazi weekly edited by Julius Streicher, one of the ugliest and most intimate friends of the Fuehrer, writes almost exclusively about sexual outrages, bedroom gossip and scandal, read in the schools to children between the ages of six and fourteen. "School for Barbarians," by Erika Mann, tells of this "education."

And Mussolini boasts that he does not care at all if 100,000 men are killed on the battlefields. Every three houses in all cities of Italy, you can read on the walls that the highest ideal of life is to die for your country. And Mussolini proclaims that it would be very wrong to live always in peace, because only in war a man can show his best qualities.

Therefore, I fully agree with Thomas Mann, when he says it is a mistake of the democracies that they think it possible to cooperate with the Dictators Hitler and Mussolini.

They must disappear from political life, otherwise there will be no peace, and they can disappear if the United States cooperates with the Soviet Union and the other democracies in collective action.

ELIZABETH DE STURLER.



## Change the World



'Man's Musing to a Mule' An Example of  
Homespun Literature

By MIKE GOLD

THE essay reproduced in this column today was sent in by a reader who wants to know the name of its author.

It has been reprinted often, and I myself have seen it on cards or in small town weeklies over the country. America, like any other country divided into two nations, has a rich anonymous literature of this sort, homely ballads, jokes and other folk-say that expresses the protest and class-wisdom of the submerged masses.

It is a literature which is not produced by professional writers. It seems to me that during the past fifty years our authors have somehow lost the common touch, however deeply democratic their political convictions. Mark Twain had it, however, and many of his anecdotes and stories have passed into the folk-consciousness. Peter Finley Dunne and Josh Billings had it. So has Curt Young.

But is there an American poet of any true quality today whose songs are sung by the people? Has the commercial monopoly held by Tin Pan Alley killed forever any hope that American poets will reach the masses? Or is it the fault of the poets themselves?

Since the dark wings of fascism and war have begun to hover over America, many writers have begun to make renewed efforts to reach the people. The reactionary millionaires own the press and the mass magazines of America, and have a stranglehold on Hollywood. They control all the sources of American folk-art. But there must be some way of breaking through, if only the democratic authors can find some democratic technique for getting past the Wall Street censorship.

It is a major problem, I believe, and the time forces us to attempt a solution. The man who wrote the foregoing musings of a share-cropper to his mule broke through by accident. I am sure his little sprout of earthy humor has been read by many thousands of farmers. It is still going the rounds, and will be chuckled and mused over until the trumpets sound for the proletarian Judgment Day, I guess.

How and why, is the problem. I have always felt that our left-wing literature and journalism was mainly addressed to a small politically-advanced minority. But the great mass of Americans have never been to college or even high school. Which does not mean that they are not intelligent. They are highly intelligent, but they are not trained.

We must reach them, before the fascists reach them with all the diabolical propaganda devices and inventions for stirring up the basest emotions of mankind that are the only originality of fascism.

We must learn to talk American—this cannot be said too often, it must be fought for, as one fights for the right plan in a major battle. The author of this little piece about the mule has the technique in his bones. Don't sniff at this humble example of folk-propaganda—but try and learn from it. And listen to a speech by Mother Bloor—she is also a great teacher in this art.

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## 'Freiheit' Mandolin Orchestra Reveals Versatility in Concert

By Stanley Hiller

At its Fifteenth Anniversary Concert in Town Hall Saturday the Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra once again revealed its versatility in rendering both the works of the masters and the characteristic folk melodies of Eastern Europe.

Lucien Rutman, tenor, and Ray Marshall, soprano, sang several arias by Donizetti, Rossini and Verdi. The Suite in D Major by Zemachson was performed for the first time anywhere.

Under the capable leadership of Eugene Plotnikoff the orchestra gave an inspired rendering of Rossini's racy Semiramide Overture, and Haydn's "Surprise Symphony." Composers and professional orchestras would do well to hear the fresh effects obtainable from this neglected instrument. Mozart utilized a single mandolin in his immortal Don Giovanni, we recall, and the great Paganini was an adept guitarist.

In the final group of Russian works the organization is in a class by itself. The plaintive tones of the mandolin and the broad, Slavic harmonies characterized by the leap of a fourth can enthral listeners of every nationality.

Samuel Firstman arranged the Haydn opus for the orchestra, and Minna Hafter accompanied the vocalists at the piano.

## New French Film at Fifth Avenue Playhouse

"Indiscretions," will have its American premiere at the Fifth Avenue Playhouse on Saturday (April 29). The film delves into the drooleries of a Parisian couple's marital difficulties.

"L'Alibi," a stirring Eric von Stroheim and Louis Jouvet, and featuring Jany Holt and Albert Prejan, now in the third week of its American premiere at the Fifth Avenue Playhouse, will close on Friday, April 28.

### DOUBLE FEATURE

The Star Theatre, 163rd St. and Southern Blvd. is showing "Grand Illusion" and "A Christmas Carol" through Thursday.

## Rockwell Kent Not Only Believes In Democracy—He Fights for It

Noted Artist Gives Credo In Interview

By Lou McLean

SAN FRANCISCO.—"Why did I as an artist become an active fighter for democracy? For several reasons and all of them good, for one—I believe that it is high time that artists cease being gigolos of the rich and realize that they are humans and citizens of a nation as well as artists, citizens; by the way with particular qualifications for aiding the struggle for extending democracy, by graphically portraying the need for such a struggle and the methods by which to achieve it. For another—ever since I was a child who read Byron and Wordsworth and thrilled to their words on freedom I have actually believed that humans have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, not only do I believe it but I am doing what I can to make it a complete reality, as are more and more artists every day."

### Artist States His Credo

Rockwell Kent is a pleasant and mild mannered person, who speaks in a quiet and rather careful way until he gets on a subject he likes and then he is fast and full of wit. He went on from my first question with the definite air of a man who has accepted certain principles as part of his active life and them.

"Trained for observation and for translating the results of observation into pictures, artists have always seen life, and the waste, poverty and injustice that go with life as we know it, but have often accepted the tradition that poverty, slums and poor people are of course a shame but paintable and quaint on the whole if painted from the onlooker's point of view. Under that tradition painters could never take sides, could never paint from the standpoint of participants. But now the time has come when artists are not only taking sides in their work but are laying aside that work for part of the time in order to become active on other fields."

### Backs Strong Defense Program

Mr. Kent feels that Fascism is a definite threat to America. It was not foisted upon the people of Germany overnight, it grew out of certain conditions existing in postwar Germany which the Nazis exploited for their own purposes. Those conditions to a certain extent exist here in America today and if we let them grow and deepen we are preparing the way for fascism. Widespread poverty; lack of opportunity for the youth; ill health and disease because of poverty; lack of proper medical care for the masses; all of these things create the mind and the temper to be tempted by the high and happy promises fascism offers to its prospective victims. As to what can stop its growth, Mr. Kent feels emphatically that there is only one force strong enough to stop those great masses working and professional people that are the real America.

"But," he went on, "even if we



Rockwell Kent, noted American artist (in foreground). He was one of six who set up their easels near busy traffic intersections in New York and painted posters to aid the American Relief ship during the drive to aid Republican Spain.

create the most beautiful democracy over here and the Fascist nations are allowed to become masters of Europe in the end we would either have to fight or completely give in to them. The threat to South America is not an idle one, and if we have learned anything from Spain, it should be that action taken now for progress and the defense of progress, can save us irreparable harm. Therefore I am in complete sympathy with President Roosevelt's strong defense program and his policy of alignment with the democracies in the world to halt the threat of fascism."

In response to my question, Mr. Kent said:

"Artists should be in unions, they should ally themselves to labor of all kinds and become one with that great mass of working people in whose hands lie the hope for the future of the world." (From the "People's World," San Francisco.)

## Intellectuals Plan Work on Nazi Threat to Culture

An invitation to Nobel prize winners and others prominent in the arts and sciences, to contribute to a special collective study on the problems created by attacks on art, science and literature has been issued by the organizers of the "International Conference on Problems of the Defense of Democracy, Peace and Humanity Today," to be held in Paris on May 13-14.

Among the questions to be dealt with in the publication are those of the doctrines of fascism in relation to liberty of thought and conscience; the fascist threat to culture and science; the position of art and science under fascism. The doctrine of race and the question of whether it has any scientific and moral basis whatsoever; anti-Semitism, its dangers and effects and the methods of fascism will all be dealt with by contributors distinguished in their own spheres of academic and artistic activity.

This study, in addition to the general work of the Conference, will be of considerable value in the present struggle against cultural reaction.

Among those supporting the aims of the Conference are: Jacob Epstein, J. B. Priestley, John Gielgud, Gordon Harker, Beatrice Lehman, Storm Jameson, Professor H. Levy, Professor J. B. S. Haldane, Sir Peter Chalmers Mitchell, Sean O'Casey, David Low, Dr. Joseph Needham, H. W. Nevins, Dr. Maude Royden, Lion Feuchtwanger, Andre Malraux, Jean Richard Bloch, Louis Aragon, Ludwig Renn, Professor Paul Mantoux, Professor Paul Langevin, Professor Georges Scelle, Professor Henri Wallon, Professor Van Den Berg, Professor H. J. Poss and Professor Hadamard.

### IN WAR FILM



Dita Parlo, starring in "Grand Illusion," currently on a double feature program with "Pushkin's Dubrovsky," a Soviet film, at the Roosevelt Theatre, Second Ave. and East Houston St.

## SCREEN 'Heroes of the Marne' Another Film of the War

HEROES OF THE MARNE. A French film with English titles. Featuring Raimu. Directed by Hugon. Music by Bert. At the Little Carnegie.

By David Platt

"Heroes of the Marne" is the story of the Family LeFrancs, which like thousands of other French working-class and peasant families suffered and was almost destroyed during the last World War. Before the War, the family LeFrancs had 250 acres, three grown-up sons, a religious love of the land and a desire for peace. The war came as a horrible shock. They were celebrating the harvest. Someone started to sing the "Inkeepers' Cat" when the church-bells heralded a fire that "would ravage thousands of homes and stop only when there is nothing left to destroy." No one spoke for a long time.

The Francs went to war. France, the land they loved, must be saved. The father (Raimu) lost his sight at Solosson. Jean, the oldest son, was killed a few moments after the armistice was signed, a symbol that the war did not end with the armistice. The other two sons survived hoping "that all these dead and wounded had served a useful purpose and that the world would never again see such atrocities."

### Superbly Acted by Raimu and Besserman

"Heroes of the Marne" was obviously inspired by Renoir's "Grand Illusion." It is superbly acted by Raimu and Albert Besserman but it tells us nothing new about the World War. It never once gets down to brass tacks. It is simply the old horror story and a prayer that it will never happen again. We see the refugees streaming out of bombed villages (1915, 1939); it does not matter; the earth literally being torn asunder by shell fire; babies being born in the midst of death and destruction; cattle cars and taxi cabs requisitioned for the front. Once again—the battle of the Marne, Amiens, Alsace, Chateau-Thierry, Chantilly, Rheims.

Of course, we are moved by the love of Raimu for France and peace, but the film is weak in that it fails to accuse those who were responsible for the last disaster and who have once again brought the world to the brink of an even greater holocaust. There is not a line to indicate what must be done to preserve France and world peace.

In other words, "Heroes of the Marne" is not the story of the World War brought up to date. What it is, it owes to Raimu's splendid characterization as the head of the LeFrancs family.

## Negro Artists in Exhibition at Harlem Community Art Center

Six well-known Negro artists are featured in the first of a new series of exhibitions now current at the Harlem Community Art Center, 290 Lenox Avenue. The Center, jointly directed by the WPA Federal Art Project and the Harlem Citizens Sponsoring Committee, has inaugurated

with this exhibition a program to bring to the community the best in Negro art throughout the country. The current exhibition, which will continue through May 15, includes the work of the following Negro artists: Lawrence A. Jones, of the arts faculty of Dillard University, New Orleans; Lela Mallou Jones, instructor in design at Howard University, Washington; Harold Keith Pierce of New Orleans; James A. Porter and James Lesesne Wells of the faculty of Howard University, and Frank Wiley, self-taught portrait-artist of New Orleans.

The exhibition list includes oil paintings and prints. Mr. Jones is represented by seven prints. Miss Jones, whose work has been compared in feeling and design to the paintings of Cezanne, is showing three oil paintings done in Paris while on a fellowship to the Academie Julian. Pierce, Porter and Wiley are exhibiting oil paintings and Wells is showing one painting and three prints.

The six artists included in this comparatively small exhibition are high in the list of American Negro artists and their work has been shown in some of the country's leading museums and galleries.

The exhibition was arranged by Miss Gwendolyn Bennett, director of the Harlem Community Art Center, and is sponsored by the WPA Federal Art Project. The center is one of four centers conducted in greater New York by the Art Teaching Division of the project, which also runs classes in 130-odd other locations. Sixty-six community art centers have been established by the project throughout the nation.

"NEVSKY" HELD OVER  
The Cameo is holding over "Alexander Nevsky" for a sixth week starting tomorrow. Directed by Sergei Eisenstein for the Mosfilm studios in Moscow, the picture stars Nikolai Cherkassov in the role of Nevsky, the Novgorod prince who freed medieval Russia of its German invaders. The accompanying symphonic score was composed especially for the film by Sergei Prokofiev.

## BOOKS 'Mexico Marches' Tells Story of People's Fight

MEXICO MARCHES, by J. H. Plenn. The Bobbs-Merrill Co. 31.

Reviewed by Bruce Minton

Americans are apt to forget that directly to the south a brave nation has achieved a broad People's Front and by so doing has strengthened democracy throughout the Western Hemisphere. In Mexico Marches, J. H. Plenn, an experienced journalist, tells the story of Mexico's violent and often bitter struggle against foreign imperialism, its own monopolists and large landholders.

The government of President Lazaro Cardenas has overcome many obstacles in its attempt to put into practice the Constitution of 1917 and to fulfill the ambitious Six-Year Program of 1934. The startling successes already attained result from the unity of the trade unions; from the close cooperation that has been achieved among the peasants, the labor movement, and the urban middle classes; from the energy and honesty of President Cardenas who has increasingly welcomed the support of the masses and accepted their guidance; and from the initiative provided by the Communist Party of Mexico. Against the essential unity of the Mexican people stand the reactionaries who, as in this country, fight with every weapon from terrorism to misrepresentation and demagoguery to hamstringing democracy and to defeat the will of the people.

In Mexico the fascists have organized powerfully. They are aided by "patriots" like Calles and the unbalanced Cedeño, intent on overthrowing the government of the people by force if they only are granted the opportunity. Behind them, lurk the jingo "Mexican for the Mexicans" groups, the anti-Semites, the agents of Berlin, Rome and Tokio, the great landholders, the ambitious industrialists, and the top hierarchy of a feudal church. Most threatening of all are the American oil and mining monopolists, the foreign imperialists who lend aid and comfort (and financial backing) to the Mexican reactionaries, and who are not above meddling in the affairs of a friendly neighbor.

It is this aspect of the democratic struggle now being waged in Mexico that concerns Americans most vitally. In the past, American imperialism has treated its southern neighbor as a colony, eventually to be annexed (as Hearst has so shamefully urged), and in the meantime to be squeezed dry. The Spanish conquerors of the sixteenth and seventeenth century held no more deadly grip on Mexico than did the American financiers in the first years of this century. The fight for national liberation met steadfast and consistent resistance from American exploiters, too often supplemented by the power of the U. S. government and its armed forces. There was a time not so distant when this country forbade its independent neighbor from legislating for itself and from controlling its own resources.

But recently, because of the growing resentment at home against allowing the Standard Oil Company and William Randolph Hearst to rule the State Department, the behavior of the United States toward Latin America shifted. President Roosevelt enunciated the

Good Neighbor policy, a doctrine of cooperation with Latin America and a promise to end American intervention in the affairs of other countries. The Good Neighbor Policy can immeasurably strengthen democracy in both North and South America. As yet, the State Department is hesitant to accept fully the implications of this new approach, as witness the harsh and vehement protests by Secretary Hull when the Mexican government took over the administration of its own oil lands. The voice was the voice of the State Department; the words were still those of the oil monopolists. Yet such interferences served only to spur on the agents of Japan, and of German and Italian fascism in Mexico. The disadvantageous position in which the Mexican government was placed by the American blustering encouraged the anti-democratic forces; and thereby heartened them in this country, since fascism's gain anywhere in the world weakens democracy everywhere.

Unfortunately, while J. H. Plenn has written an admirable book, he succumbs at times to the lure of a "bright" and frolicking style which detracts from his story. Often his material is badly organized with resultant confusion for the reader. Much more should have been said of the criminally destructive and traitorous role of Trotsky and his clique who have proved invaluable allies of the fascists. A paucity of critical analysis limits the value of some conclusions reached by Mr. Plenn. The Mexican Communist Party is treated in a regrettably superficial and unperceptive manner. Above all, the inadequate discussion of the economic and political base for mass resistance to the upper hierarchy of the church results in the reader gaining a most imperfect idea of the forces involved in this struggle.

But Mexico Marches remains an instructive book. It is recommended to all who seek further proof that the unity of a broad People's Front is a powerful defense of democracy and liberty.

## Book Notes

South America, vast continent becoming increasingly important to the welfare of the United States; Hitler's future plans, and the health problem in America are the subjects of three forthcoming spring publications of Modern Age Books.

In "Excitement South," Josephine Herbst, long familiar with Latin American affairs, presents off-the-record sentiments and opinions of peoples and government officials. South America is important news, and this book makes possible a realistic appraisal of the Lima Conference.

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